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Free to Deployed Areas

France hunts for suspect amid new attack fears

By SYLVIE CORBET
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The Associated Press

PARIS — France's government urged the nation to remain vigilant Saturday, as thousands of security forces tried to thwart new attacks and hunted down a suspected accomplice in a rampage by terrorists linked to al-Qaida in Yemen that scarred the nation and left 20 dead.

Hundreds of thousands of people marched Saturday in cities from Toulouse in the south to Rennes in the west to honor the 17 victims of three attackers, killed by police after three days of bloodshed at the offices of a satirical newspaper, a kosher supermarket and other sites around Paris.

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ists. Two dozen world leaders, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel and British Prime Minister David Cameron, are among the many expected to join.

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said authorities will do everything to ensure security at the event. Speaking after an emergency meeting called by French President Francois Hollande on Saturday morning, Cazeneuve called for "extreme vigilance," saying that "given the context, we are exposed to risks."

Al-Qaida's branch in Yemen said it directed Wednesday's attack against the publication Charlie Hebdo to avenge the honor of the Prophet Muhammad, a frequent target of the weekly's satire.

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JOSH SMITH/Stars and Stripes

Medics carry an Afghan soldier injured by a roadside bomb onto an Afghan air force Mi-17 helicopter in Uruzgan province on Tuesday.

Prosecutors weigh felony charges against Petraeus

By SARI HORWITZ AND ADAM GOLDMAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors have recommended that David Petraeus face charges for providing classified documents to his biographer, raising the prospect of criminal proceedings against the retired four-star general and former CIA director.

The recommendation follows a federal probe into how the biographer, Paula Broadwell, apparently obtained classified records several years ago while working on a book about Petraeus. Broadwell was also his mistress, and the documents were discovered by investigators during the scandal that forced Petraeus's resignation as CIA director in 2012.

Attorney General Eric Holder Jr. must decide whether to pursue charges against Petraeus, the former top U.S. commander in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

The Justice Department and FBI declined to comment, as did Robert Barnett, a lawyer for Petraeus.

Both Petraeus and Broadwell have denied in the past that he provided her with classified information. Investigators have focused on whether his staff gave her sensitive documents at his instruction.

The prosecutors' recommendation was first reported Friday evening on the website of the New York Times, which said Petraeus has rejected the possibility of a plea deal.



Petraeus

The FBI has been pushing to resolve several high-profile counterespionage investigations that have lingered for months and in some cases years. In addition to the case involving Petraeus and Broadwell, the bureau wants the Justice Department to decide whether to pursue charges against Robin Raphel, a veteran State Department diplomat, and James "Hoss" Cartwright.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Make sure you are bombing the right target. That's No. 1."

— Navy Lt. Kevin Loughmiller, on advice he gives to students learning to use the F/A-18 Hornet for close air support at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla.

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Petraeus: Aides said they gave documents to biographer

FROM FRONT PAGE

Cartwright was the target of a Justice Department investigation into the leak of information about the Stuxnet cyberattack against Iran's nuclear program. The details of Raphael's case remain murky, but officials have said classified information was found at her home.

FBI agents believe they have strong cases against all four of them, said another U.S. official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity. Each of the cases is considered sensitive given the involvement of high-ranking officials in the U.S. government.

The Justice Department also has faced political pressure to resolve the Petraeus matter. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., now the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, wrote Holder last month expressing concern the case has continued to linger.

"At this critical moment in our nation's security, Congress and the American people cannot afford to have this voice silenced or curtailed by the shadow of a long-running, unresolved investigation marked by leaks from anonymous sources," said McCain, adding that he wasn't seeking action "on behalf of any particular interest — and don't presume to judge the outcome of any investigation."

Federal investigators first searched Broadwell's home in Charlotte in November 2012 and seized dozens of boxes of records as well as computer equipment. Aides to Petraeus have said they were often tasked to provide military records or other documents to Broadwell for her work on her book about him. That book, "All In," was published in January 2012.

Any classified information investigators discovered could expose both her and Petraeus to charges. It is a crime to remove classified information from secure, government locations as well as to provide that information to others not authorized to receive it.

Petraeus now spends his time teaching and giving speeches; he also serves as chairman of the KKR Global Institute, a part of the private-equity firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts.

The 2012 investigation into Petraeus was triggered when Broadwell allegedly sent threatening emails to another woman who



ISAF

Former commander of ISAF and U.S. Forces-Afghanistan Gen. David Petraeus, left, shakes hands in 2011 with his biographer, Paula Broadwell, with whom he had an extramarital affair.

was a friend of Petraeus, Jill Kelley of Tampa, Fla. Kelley alerted an FBI agent she knew to seek protection and to help track down whoever had sent the emails.

The FBI traced the messages to Broadwell, a married Army reservist, and in the course of its investigation, uncovered explicit emails between Broadwell and Petraeus.

Investigators said they were concerned

about at first the possibility that Petraeus, then the director of the CIA, had had his email hacked. Further investigation led to the discovery of the affair with Broadwell.

Petraeus had become CIA director a short time earlier, in September 2011. His resignation cut short his time at the agency and also seemed to scuttle long-rumored presidential aspirations.

Ex-Gitmo prisoner's charges dismissed

MIAMI — A former prisoner at the U.S. Navy base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has won a legal victory a year after he was sent back to his homeland in Sudan.

Noor Urthman — Muhammed pleaded guilty in February 2011 to providing material support to a terrorist organization and conspiracy at a special U.S. court for wartime offenses known as

a military commission. He was sentenced to 34 months on top of the nine years he already had spent at Guantanamo. He faced up to life in prison.

But the Pentagon said late Friday that the charges had been dismissed. A brief statement cited rulings by an appeals court that material support is not a legitimate war crime under the law authorizing military commissions.

Noor was sent home in December 2013.

Taliban attack kills at least 3 Afghan police

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Afghan police say a Taliban attack on a police checkpoint has left at least three police officers dead.

Police spokesman Faeed Ahmed Obaid said Taliban gunmen completely overran a checkpoint in the Mouskallah district of Helmand province, killing three officers and wounding an-

other two.

A second police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, put the death toll even higher, saying that five officers were killed and another two remained missing.

Afghan police are dying in unprecedented numbers as they come under attack from the Taliban-led insurgents who have been testing the local security forces since they took the lead in the war about 18 months ago.

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AP photos

Afghan soldiers stand guard near their vehicle during an operation in the Dangam district of Kunar province, Afghanistan, on Dec. 24.

Afghan soldiers' mettle put to the test

Mountain hamlet a proving ground for army

By RAHIM FAIEZ
AND LYNNE O'DONNELL
The Associated Press

DANGAM, Afghanistan — The smoke from mortar and rocket attacks rises from the mountains of Dangam in the remote eastern border region of Afghanistan as Taliban insurgents battle government forces in a bid to establish a permanent presence now that the American soldiers who led the fight here for more than a decade have left.

Heavy fighting has been raging for weeks, with wave after wave of Taliban militants assaulting this picturesque but poverty-stricken district of Kunar province just 2.5 miles from the border with Pakistan, officials and residents said.

The war is meanwhile creeping into urban and residential areas, putting ordinary people at greater risk. Civilian casualties probably hit 10,000 in 2014, the highest yearly total of dead and wounded since the U.N. began keeping records in 2008. More than 75 percent of the deaths and injuries are caused by Taliban attacks, according to the U.N.

There are few places where Afghan forces have been tested as ferociously as in Dangam, a forested valley where life has

changed little for centuries.

The fighting began when local residents decided they had had enough of the Taliban, who had set up a "shadow" administration and were attempting to take control of the valley, according to Gen. Mohammad Zaman Waziri, Afghan army corps commander for eastern Afghanistan.

The Afghan army came to help, he said, and fighting has been going on ever since.

As many as 550 families have been forced from their homes, and more than 40 houses have been destroyed, Kunar governor Shehjul Mulk Jalalala said. Tribal elder Haji Muzamel said another 800 families have been pinned down by the fighting.

"The terrorists have very important goals in Dangam, such as establishing permanent bases or transferring their bases from the other side of the border, crushing the local people's uprising and of course creating problems for Afghan security forces," said Haseb Sediqi, spokesman for the National Security Directorate intelligence agency.

Officials said that since early December more than 1,000 heavily armed insurgents have turned up here, including members of the Pakistani Taliban, or TTP,



An Afghan soldier prays in Dangam, a forested valley in eastern Afghanistan where fighting has been raging for weeks.

and Lashkar-e-Taiba, the group responsible for the attacks on the Indian city of Mumbai in 2008 in which more than 160 people were killed.

The TTP said it was behind the attack this month on a school in Peshawar, in northern Pakistan, in which more than 140 people were killed, most of them children. It is not unusual for Pakistani fighters — usually referred to by Afghan officials as simply "foreigners" — to fight alongside the Afghan Taliban.

The Peshawar attack was widely seen as a watershed moment that could help dissipate the long-held mistrust between the neighboring nations as they recognize the need to deal with insurgent groups on

both sides of the border.

In recent weeks, Afghan, Pakistani and coalition military leaders have shuttled back and forth between Kabul and Islamabad to discuss cooperation at all levels, including military and intelligence, officials have said. The counterterrorism component of the Americans' remit in Afghanistan, expanded by President Barack Obama, will allow U.S. troops to engage in operations against the Taliban, as well as al-Qaida, and provide the Afghans with battlefield and air support.

In Dangam, officials said the international coalition has not yet been called upon to help repel the Taliban attacks.

Sartaj Aziz, a senior adviser to

Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, praised the Afghan efforts in Kunar, telling local television: "It was a good thing on the part of (the) Afghan government and will help bring peace to the nation."

Afghanistan and Pakistan share a 1,400-mile border and militants from both sides routinely launch cross-border attacks. This has long strained relations, with the two countries accusing one another of offering safe haven to terrorists.

But Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, who took office in September, has said he will never allow militants to enjoy safe haven in Afghanistan. And Pakistan's Sharif has said the days of distinguishing between "good" and "bad" insurgents are over. Analysts have long accused Pakistan of battling its own insurgents while tolerating or even working with the Afghan Taliban to destabilize its neighbor in order to prevent regional rival India from expanding its influence in South Asia.

The fighting in Dangam will test those pledges, and the mettle of Afghanistan's troops. Thus far they are holding the line, having lost just six soldiers in three weeks of fighting, with another 20 wounded, Waziri said. But the columns of gray smoke and the explosions echoing across the forbidding hills indicate the battle is far from over.

WAR/MILITARY

Slow rescue costs lives, limbs in Afghanistan

By JOSH SMITH
Stars and Stripes

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The maelstrom of dust settled just long enough for the soldiers to hurry a stretcher bearing the latest victim of an insurgent's roadside bomb to the waiting helicopter.

In the back of the Russian-made Mi-17, the soldiers had to kick aside loose potatoes and onions that skidded across the floor, leftovers from the helicopter's previous cargo, unloaded just minutes before at another desert outpost.

As international military forces have withdrawn most air support, the handful of Afghan air force helicopters have become more vital to commanders at these isolated military bases in Afghanistan's restive south. Not only are the aircraft needed to evacuate a steady flow of soldiers and others wounded in the ongoing insurgency back to major hospitals, but they are also needed to transport cheap supplies like potatoes and firewood because ground transport is too dangerous.

The result, Afghan doctors say, is that quick medical evacuation has dried up for many victims, making the job of saving lives and limbs much harder, and sometimes impossible.

Making room

On this January day in Uruzgan province, Afghan National Army soldiers driving an armored Humvee hit an improvised explosive device. Two of the more seriously injured soldiers required evacuation to the Kandahar Regional Military Hospital at the ANA's Camp Hero, near Kandahar Air Field.

Two Mi-17s were diverted from their planned mission of delivering supplies, but they first had to drop off thousands of pounds of fuel and food to make room for the casualties.

Just another day for the overstretched Afghan air force, which is struggling to fill the void left by the reduction in coalition air operations.

"Imagine you are injured by an IED, and you have to wait for hours or days to get to a hospital," said ANA Lt. Col. Mohammed Sadiq, chief surgeon at Kandahar's regional military hospital. "That is a disaster for the patient."

The hospital Sadiq oversees in Kandahar is funded by international aid and boasts 100 beds with modern equipment in various laboratories, operating rooms, intensive care units and other facilities. But Sadiq says if critically injured patients don't reach such



Josh Smith/Stars and Stripes

In the back of an Afghan Air Force Mi-17 helicopter, Afghan National Army soldiers work to help a comrade injured by an improvised bomb in Uruzgan province on Tuesday.

advanced care in time, all those resources don't matter.

Last year, Afghan security forces sustained nearly 10,000 casualties as fighting increased in several regions.

Former U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates pushed hard for injured American servicemembers to be able to reach advanced medical care within an hour of being wounded. Statistics show that at the height of U.S. operations, wounded soldiers who lived to make it to a large hospital like at Bagram Air Field had a 98 percent chance of survival.

The pair of ANA soldiers from Uruzgan were lucky; they both arrived within hours and their injuries were treatable.

Many others haven't been as fortunate, however. Bismullah Hagmal, 24, a member of a local police militia near the border with Pakistan, stepped on an improvised bomb while patrolling a road. Border police drove him halfway to Kandahar, while Hagmal's brother drove south from Kandahar to transport him the rest of the way.

The trip took 10 hours, leaving doctors little choice but to am-

'Imagine you are injured by an IED, and you have to wait for hours or days to get to a hospital. That is a disaster for the patient.'

Lt. Col. Mohammed Sadiq
chief surgeon, Kandahar Regional Military Hospital

putate Hagmal's right leg, Sadiq said.

"The tourniquet wasn't applied tightly enough, but even without that, had he been here sooner, there is a much higher chance we could have saved his leg," the surgeon said. While overall evacuation times have dropped, it may take some patients up to 36 hours to reach a hospital, he said.

Soldiers tend to have the best chances, as the army usually has the better developed systems and more resources, Sadiq said. Police and civilians, while often treated by military doctors, often don't have as immediate access to evacuation.

Military hospital officials in Kandahar say at least 65 percent of their patients are victims of IEDs. Gunshots account for

12 percent of injuries, while car crashes make up most of the rest.

The threat from roadside bombs is a double one: They not only cause injuries or death but can pose a serious danger to rescuers evacuating victims.

International forces, led by the United States, relied heavily on a vast fleet of military and contract helicopters to reduce the risk and to save time navigating bumpy dirt roads that connect many more remote locations in Afghanistan.

Limited resources

Afghan air crews have greatly reduced the amount of time it takes them to respond to evacuation requests, but their small number and limited resources leave most medical rescues to be

made by ground across sometimes deadly terrain.

The Afghan Air Force's Kandahar Air Wing has about 14 Mi-17 helicopters, six of which are usually ready to be flown at any one time. The wing also has 10 Cessna C-208 light fixed-wing aircraft, but these can be flown only to locations with developed runways.

With that small number of aircraft, the wing has responsibility for supporting military forces in six provinces, including some of Afghanistan's most violent, such as Helmand. On top of evacuations, those six helicopters are tasked with delivering supplies and ammunition, transporting troops, dropping special forces into combat and performing other support roles.

"There are many challenges to overcome," said Col. Mohammed Asrill Wardak, deputy commander of the Kandahar Air Wing. "We actually need 60 helicopters and crews to cover that territory, but we are making a difference however we can."

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MILITARY



Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Pilots at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., are learning to fly and fight variations of the F/A-18 Hornet.

F/A-18 training aims to give pilots real-world experience

HOWARD ALTMAN
Tampa Tribune, Fla.

Minutes after returning from a flight over the Avon Park Air Force Range, where they participated in laser-guided weapons practice, Navy Lt. Kevin Loughmiller and Nick Adams stood on the soggy flightline at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., recalling "a mindblowing" experience from a few days earlier.

Adams, 27, is one of 14 Navy pilots who have come to Tampa from Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia to train on how to fly and fight variations of the F/A-18 Hornet. Loughmiller is one of 22 trainers showing them how it's done.

While Friday morning's practice was a good learning experience, Adams said that training to perform low-level close air support — hitting targets who are engaged with friendly troops in contact with the enemy — is something else entirely.

"It's pretty mind blowing, really," said Adams of flying at 200 feet above the ground. At higher altitudes, "when you are going fast, you do not have the ground rush, but the lower you get, the faster stuff gets moving. It is kind of mind-blowing being that close to the ground and seeing stuff whizzing by you."

As he talks, cold, wet rain drips off his helmet.

The goal of the training, which has created quite a stir in the neighborhoods near MacDill and along the 70-mile route to Avon Park, is to give new pilots the best real-world experience they can find, said Loughmiller, an experienced combat pilot.

"We have special operations guys we are working with, physically on the ground," he said.

"There are targets, all simulating real-life, real combat."

The object, said Loughmiller, "is to try and simulate the real world as best we can."

Avon Park is "a fantastic range," said Navy Lt. Nate Miller, 31, a trainer with nine years in uniform.

It takes only about 10 minutes for the fast-movers to make their way down to the range, a 106,000-acre facility located south-southeast of Tampa in Polk and Highlands counties.

It's ideally suited, Miller said, for students to practice low-level tactics — flying between 200 and 500 feet — and working with forces on the ground "providing close air support," he said. "Think what people do in Afghanistan, or what we used to do in Iraq. Those are the two main objectives."

The Navy brought 14 fighters to Tampa, said Miller, including the C and D models, which are the older Hornets, and the E and F models, which are newer and called Super Hornets.

The students, he said, have had about three years of training, including the last two in other aircraft, like the T-45 Goshawk jet, as they work their way up to the Hornets. Before arriving in Tampa, they have already completed one of the most difficult maneuvers any pilot will face, landing a fast-moving jet onto the relatively small deck of an aircraft carrier, bobbing up and down in the middle of the ocean.

"Coming back to the boat, the flying is very different," said Miller. "On my way home, I have to think about landing on the boat. It is very challenging, and very rewarding. The flight is not over when you are done with the mission, you still have a very challenging task ahead of you."

'The lower you get, the faster stuff gets moving. It is kind of mind-blowing being that close to the ground and seeing stuff whizzing by you.'

Lt. Nick Adams
on low-altitude F/A-18 training

But for Navy pilots, that's "the most enjoyable part," said Miller. "Going from 150 miles per hour to a full stop in a couple of seconds, people take a lot of pride in that."

Aside from pilots, the Navy brought 150 "maintainers," those who help keep the planes working.

"This is a good field to go in," said Jessica Clayton, an Air Frame Structural Mechanic 3rd Class. "You can be a 20-year-old without a college degree and still make something of yourself."

The training mission in Tampa is an international endeavor, said Miller, with pilots from the French Navy and the British and Swiss air forces taking part as trainers. There are also Dutch troops, known as joint terminal air controllers, who are on the ground in Avon Park, helping guide the pilots onto their targets.

The training mission lasts until Jan. 17.

Before heading into the Detached Unit Center at MacDill, which serves as a mobile command center for visiting crews, Loughmiller talks about what advice he gives to his students.

"Make sure you are bombing the right target," said Loughmiller. "That's No. 1. No. 2 is follow the check list. Those are the two best pieces of advice."

Officer returns from duty in Africa to find Gremlin towed, sold

By BRITTANY WALLMAN
Sun Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)

When Alexandria Kelly departed for active military duty in the Horn of Africa last year, she left her "pet" at home: A 1972 AMC Gremlin, a classic car her father bequeathed her when he died.

The Gremlin was in running condition, carried the proper license plate and vehicle registration, and bore the neighborhood association resident parking sticker.

It was resting in a guest parking spot.

Then one day it disappeared.

While U.S. Army Reserve Lt. Col. Kelly was deployed on the Somali peninsula as a military police officer, the Gremlin's tires had slowly deflated.

And on March 27 last year, the parking monitors for the homeowners association at Kelly's Margate, Fla., townhouse complex noticed the flat tires.

They called in the tow trucks.

West Way Towing hooked it and hauled it off.

By the time Kelly returned in August to resume life in Broward County, West Way had sold her Gremlin at auction as junk, for \$525.

Kelly was "in utter shock," her federal lawsuit says.

She's suing West Way, alleging the company didn't abide by federal law protecting on-duty military members from, among other things, losing their cars or homes while they're serving the country.

The Service Members Civil Relief Act requires a court order to enforce a lien on servicemembers during active duty and for 90 days after, her attorney, Robert Murphy, said in his suit.

Kelly, a nurse, has served as a reserve officer for 26 years, repeatedly called into duty in Afghanistan and most recently Africa.

She's seeking unspecified damages for "mental pain and shock, suffering, aggravation, humiliation and embarrassment together with the loss of the Gremlin," the lawsuit says.

West Way owner Craig Goldstein said he feels "horrible about what happened."

He called Kelly's attorney and

offered to turn over the \$525, but Murphy made it clear that wouldn't settle it. Kelly wants a jury trial.

Goldstein said he's a military supporter who spent \$10,000 painting "Salute Our Troops" onto a tow truck, and never charges servicemembers for tows.

"I am talking from my heart," said Goldstein, "I would never take a dollar from them. They're giving us our freedom."

He said he knew nothing about the federal law and didn't check a U.S. Department of Defense database before selling the car at auction. But he wishes he had.

"My heart feels for her," Goldstein said.

"Believe me ... We did not know who she was."

Kelly's lawsuit says she informed the Townhomes of Oriole Homeowners Association, managed by Ambassador Community Management, that she would be away for several months. She asked that her mail be sent to a post office box so she would receive it, but mail regarding the tow liens was sent to her townhouse instead.

The association and management company are not being sued.

Murphy acknowledged that even a brand new Gremlin "was not a beautiful car." Still, he said "there's a huge market for them" by collectors.

This one had sentimental value, too.

The car had been in her family for decades, the lawsuit says, "and was a tangible link to her late father, a decorated Korean War veteran." And she regularly referred to it in conversation as her "pet," the lawsuit says.

Murphy, a U.S. Army veteran and commercial litigator, said in cities with military bases, like Jacksonville or Pensacola, business owners are more cognizant of the federal law protecting on-duty personnel.

But tow companies here may be unaware of it.

"This is not the only case that's been filed against a towing company in the country," Murphy said, "and they don't do the minimum that's required, which is basically ask for information from the military."

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WORLD

Attack:

Hostage says attacker 'not scared' to die

FROM FRONT PAGE

In a sign of the tense atmosphere, a security perimeter was briefly imposed at Disneyland Paris on Saturday before being lifted, a spokeswoman said, without elaborating. Movement around the park was back to normal by early afternoon.

Cazeneuve said the government is maintaining its terror alert system at the highest level in the Paris region, and said investigators are focusing on determining whether the attackers were part of a larger extremist network.

Five other people are in custody as part of the investigation, and family members of the attackers are among several given preliminary charges so far.

French radio RTL released audio Saturday of the attacker, Amedy Coulibaly, who seized hostages in the kosher supermarket, in which he lashes out over Western military campaigns against extremists in Syria and Mali. He describes Osama bin Laden as an inspiration.

One of his hostages said on France 2 television Saturday that the gunman told them: "Me, I'm not scared of dying. Either I die, or I get a 40-year prison sentence." The woman was identified only as Marie, and didn't show her face.

The focus of the police hunt is on Coulibaly's widow, Hayat Boumeddiene. Police named her as an accomplice and think she is armed.

"You must consider her as the companion of a dangerous terrorist who needs to be questioned," Christophe Crepin, spokesman for UNSA police union, told The Associated Press. "Since 2010, she has had a relationship with an individual whose ideology translates into violence and the execution of poor people who were just doing their shopping in a supermarket."

Jewish groups planned a vigil after sundown Saturday to mourn the four people killed at the kosher market.

Loyalists of al-Qaida and the Islamic State group extolled the attackers on Charlie Hebdo as "lions of the caliphate." They described the attack as revenge for the French satirical publication's mockery of Islam's Prophet Muhammad and France's military involvement in Muslim countries.

This week's drama, played out on live TV and social media, began with brothers Said and Cherif Kouachi, methodically massacring 12 people Wednesday at the Charlie Hebdo offices.

They were cornered on Friday at a printing house in Dammarville-en-Goele near Charles de Gaulle Airport on Friday, prompting a daylong standoff with police.

Coulibaly shot a policewoman to death north of Paris on Thursday. The next day, he attacked the



PHOTOS BY DAVID AZIA/AP

A French police officer stands guard Saturday on a road leading to the offices of French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo in Paris.



People look at notes and flowers arranged at a makeshift memorial near the offices of French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo in Paris on Saturday.

Paris kosher market, threatening more violence unless the police let the Kouachis go.

It all ended at dusk Friday with near-simultaneous raids at

the printing plant and the kosher market in eastern Paris.

Four hostages were found dead at the market — killed by Coulibaly, prosecutors said. Six-

teen hostages were freed, one from the printing plant and 15 from the store.

Witnesses and family members of survivors struggled Saturday to come to terms with what happened.

‘I could no longer breathe. We heard the explosions. We were hostages since we didn’t know if the terrorist had a bomb.’

Chaimae Bourahmaoui
Resident of an apartment three floors above the kosher market in Paris seized by Amedy Coulibaly

looker that surfaced on the Internet shows what appears to be a wounded Merabet on the pavement raising a hand as though appealing for mercy before he was fatally shot in the head.

The attack on the kosher market came before sundown on the Jewish Sabbath, when the store would have been crowded with shoppers, and Hollande called it “a terrifying anti-Semitic act.”

Chaimae Bourahmaoui felt her apartment vibrate with bursts of gunfire from the kosher market three floors below her.

“I could no longer breathe. We heard the explosions. We were hostages since we didn’t know if the terrorist had a bomb,” she told AP.

The attackers epitomized Western authorities’ greatest fear: Islamic radicals who trained abroad and came home to stage attacks.

A member of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula gave a statement in English to the AP saying the group’s leadership “directed the operations and they have chosen their target carefully.”

According to a Yemeni security official, Said Kouachi is suspected of having fought for al-Qaida in Yemen. Another senior security official added that Said was in Yemen until 2012. Both officials spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because of an ongoing investigation into Kouachi’s stay in Yemen.

The attacks in France, as well as a hostage siege last month in Sydney and the October killing of a soldier near Canada’s parliament, prompted the U.S. State Department to issue a global travel warning for Americans. It also cited an increased risk of reprisals against U.S. and Western targets for the U.S.-led intervention against Islamic State group militants in Syria and Iraq.

The publication Charlie Hebdo had long drawn threats for its depictions of Islam, although it also lampooned other religions and political figures. Charlie Hebdo plans a special edition Wednesday, produced in the offices of another paper.

WORLD

Fearful wait in Paris kosher grocery store

By GRIFF WITTE
The Washington Post

PARIS — For more than four hours, Noemi shivered through the biting chill and the abject terror of being hidden away inside the refrigerated cellar of a kosher grocery store as a murderous gunman rampaged above.

The cold-storage room had been her salvation when she dashed inside earlier Friday afternoon, escaping the bullets that felled others in her midst. But as night fell, she huddled with her fellow hostages and worried it would become her death chamber.

"We're very afraid, and we're very cold," Noemi told a friend, Anthony Ravaux, 29, in a phone call just after 5 p.m. "Tell the police to hurry."

Minutes later, right at sundown, dozens of heavily armed officers stormed the store in a furious assault of smoke, sound and fire. The hostages made a desperate run for the doors as officers shot the gunman dead, ending the standoff.

But the siege of the Hyper Cacher market in eastern Paris' Porte de Vincennes neighborhood had already taken a terrible toll, with four hostages dead and France's half-million-strong Jewish community feeling newly vulnerable to the scourge of radical Islamist violence.

In three days that traumatized a nation, three men with deep histories of association with terrorist organizations carried out three deadly attacks: The first against a newspaper, the second against a police officer and the third against a kosher grocery store.

The last, said President Francois Hollande in an address to the nation Friday evening, was unquestionably "an anti-Semitic attack."

An act of anti-semitism

In Porte de Vincennes — a state-ly neighborhood of low-slung 19th-century buildings that is home to a heavy mix of both Jews and Muslims, many of whom share North African heritage — there was no doubt.

The hostage-taking began just after noon, when Amnedi Coulibaly, 32, a French citizen of Senegalese descent, walked into the store and began to shoot. The attack played out hours before the start of the Jewish Sabbath on Friday night, a particularly busy time for a kosher shop.

As police quickly established a cordon around the building, residents on the outside were left to wonder what had become of friends and colleagues trapped within.

Two women who worked at the store but had been off work at the time of the attack, sobbed as they frantically dialed the phone numbers of friends. One said she had received a call from a colleague who could only get out the words "people are shooting" before the line was cut.

"They were only targeted because they were Jewish," the woman, who declined to give her name, said of her colleagues. "They're just normal people try-



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This image taken from video shows police officers storm a kosher grocery to end a hostage situation in Paris on Friday.

Islamic extremism boosted by attack

By ZEINA KARAM
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — The militant chatter spread like wildfire. Within minutes of news breaking about the deadly terror attack on a Paris newspaper this week, supporters of extremist Islamic groups extolled the suspects in the massacre as "lions of the caliphate" and praised the killings on social media.

Loyalists of al-Qaida and the Islamic State group alike described the assault on Charlie Hebdo's offices that killed 12 people as revenge for the French satirical publication's mockery of Islam's Prophet Muhammad and France's military involvement in Muslim countries.

Brothers Cherif and Said Kouachi became icons in the terrorphere. Over and over, Twitter users who identified with the Islamic State group or al-Qaida posted pictures and videos of a black-clad gunman — presumably one of the brothers — shooting a French policeman in the head as he lay on a Paris sidewalk before fleeing the scene in a getaway car.

"Watch how a brother kills a French policeman," some wrote. Others described the slaughter at Charlie Hebdo as a "heroic" and "joyous" event.

The Kouachi brothers' military-style assault — and their death as "martyrs" in a hail of bullets on Friday after police raided the building where they had holed up with a hos-



RAQQA MEDIA CENTER/AP

A fighter from the Islamic State group, armed with a knife and an automatic weapon, stands near captured Syrian army soldiers and officers following the battle for the Raqqa air base in Raqqa, Syria, in August.

tage north of Paris — undoubtedly resonates with extremists' repeated calls for attacks in France, echoing chilling images from their slick propaganda videos.

Experts believe the perceived professionalism of the brothers' assault and their subsequent showdown with police could rally more supporters to militant ranks.

"It is that quality to such operations that helps recruitment," said Aymenn al-Tamimi, a U.K.-based expert on Syrian and Iraqi militant groups. The obviously well-planned attack in the heart of Paris serves "as an example to would-be operatives," he said.

On Friday, after the Kouachi brothers were killed, a member of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula — the militant group's

Yemen-based affiliate — confirmed to The Associated Press that it had coordinated the Paris attack. Speaking on condition of anonymity, the member told the AP that the group's leadership, "directed the operations and they have chosen their target carefully."

Both al-Qaida and the Islamic State group potentially stand to benefit from the bloodshed.

For Islamic State militants, it is a welcome "success" in global jihad, or holy war, as they struggle to maintain momentum in the face of U.S.-led airstrikes targeting their positions in Syria and Iraq. For al-Qaida, the attack can serve to demonstrate that the group is still relevant and able to strike in the heart of Western civilization more than a decade after the Sept. 11 attacks on United States.

Charlie Hebdo and I started with the police," Coulibaly told the station, BFM-TV.

As he spoke, the Kouachi brothers were orchestrating their own high-stakes drama 25 miles away at a mom-and-pop printing business in the village of Dammartin-en-Goele.

"This is only the beginning for what's awaiting France."

Sam Cohen
resident of Porte
de Vincennes,
France

But unlike the brothers, who had taken a single hostage when they commandeered the commercial building Friday morning — and later let him go — Coulibaly had an entire grocery store full of ter-

ried employees and customers. There were 16 hostages, including children, Coulibaly told the station. He boasted that he had already killed four people, and police said he was threatening to shoot more if they staged a raid against his accomplices in Dammartin.

In fact, Coulibaly had significantly more hostages than he knew: The ones who had dashed into the cold-storage room had apparently escaped his detection.

Huddling undetected

But Noemi and the others huddled inside had no way of knowing that. They felt a jolt of apprehension with every sound from above, and they scoured the storage-room floor for empty boxes and other possible places to hide.

"Don't panic," Ravaux told Noemi, whose last name he did not want to reveal, when she reached him by phone. "The police will do their best."

Ravaux, who himself had walked out of the store five minutes before Coulibaly burst in, told her to conserve her phone's battery, and the two hung up.

Within minutes, the streets echoed with three loud booms as police tossed stun grenades and began their assault. After a pause, the earth shook with 30 seconds of sustained gunfire. Blocks away, parents shepherd screaming children into the shelter of nearby doorways.

And then silence. Officials said the Paris raid and a nearly simultaneous shootout with the Kouachi brothers in Dammartin left all three assailants dead, allowing the surviving hostages to go free. In his speech to the nation, Hollande praised law enforcement officers for their work and said France would not be divided by racism or anti-Semitism.

But on the streets of Porte de Vincennes, residents expressed a gnawing fear that the events of the past three days had unleashed a wave of violence with no end.

"This is only the beginning for what's awaiting France," said Sam Cohen, 22, who wore a black hoodie atop his black kippah. "Everyone's going to grab a weapon, and there will be more and more dead every day."

ing to do their jobs."

Amid the standoff at Hyper Cacher, Coulibaly told a French television station that he had shot

dead a Paris policewoman on Thursday and that he was working in concert with Said and Cherif Kouachi, the brothers implicated

in Wednesday's attack on the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo. "We coordinated from the beginning, when they started with

NATION

Keystone XL decision back in Obama's lap

By JOSH LEDEMRAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Republicans in Congress and a state supreme court have thrown the political hot potato known as Keystone XL straight back onto President Barack Obama's lap.

So loath is Obama to making a decision about the proposed oil pipeline that deliberations have entered their sixth year—a period nearly as long as Obama's time in office. He's blamed the seemingly endless delays on bureaucratic formalities and parochial issues in Nebraska, even when skeptics claimed that the politics of the next election were giving the president cold feet.

Now the election is over, the Nebraska issue is resolved, and a bipartisan bill forcing the pipeline's approval may soon be heading to Obama's desk. Forces on all sides of the debate, for once, have the same demand for Obama: Just make the call.

"It's time for the State Department and the president to make a decision on the Keystone XL pipeline — however they decide — because six years is beyond long enough," said Sen. Heidi

Heitkamp of North Dakota, part of the majority of Democrats supporting the pipeline.

In April, just as the State Department's review of the pipeline was nearing an end, Obama indefinitely suspended it. Facing a difficult political climate, many Democrats had been anxious about Obama making a decision before the November midterm elections. Still, the White House said it was uncertainty about the pipeline's route, spurred by a Nebraska court challenge, that prompted the delay.

That rationale expired Friday. The Nebraska Supreme Court tossed out the lawsuit, clearing the way for the pipeline to snake through Nebraska as previously envisioned. The State Department, which has jurisdiction because the pipeline would start in Canada, said it would pick up its review where it left off, but it was unclear how long that review will take to finish.

Republicans and some Democrats don't want to wait for that review to play out. Wielding their newfound control of both chambers of Congress, Republicans are speeding a bill through Congress authorizing construction

of the 1,179-mile pipeline, which would carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil per day from Canada to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast.

The House approved the bill Friday — one of the first bills taken up by Congress in 2015. The Senate planned a test vote on an identical bill Monday, with plans to deliver the final bill to Obama in short order.

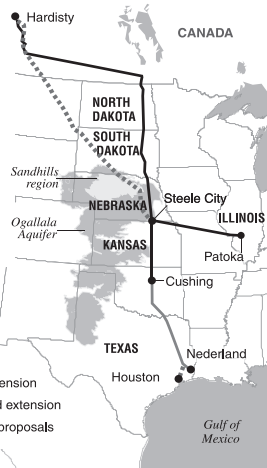
Obama has threatened repeatedly to veto that bill, arguing that Congress must not circumvent the executive branch's authority. So far, Republicans haven't shown they have the votes to override Obama's veto. On Saturday, a group of Keystone opponents, organized by the advocacy group 350.org, planned to rally outside the White House to insist Obama make good on his veto threat.

Obama has long bemoaned that the proposed pipeline has taken on a political life of its own, becoming a proxy battle for the broader debate over global warming.

"A vote against Keystone sends the signal that our government is taking the science of climate change and risk analysis seriously," said Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M.

Keystone XL bid revived

Resurgent Republicans in Congress are at odds with the White House over a bill to approve a 1,179-mile pipeline extension to carry crude oil through sensitive areas between the Canadian tar sands and Gulf Coast refineries.



SOURCE: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

AP

Boehner's embrace of GOP rebels nudges House caucus to right

By CHARLES BABINGTON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Die-hard House conservatives, after bungling a coup against House Speaker John Boehner, now look like winners who are pushing their Republican caucus further right.

Rather than punish and isolate those who opposed him as leader, Boehner surprised many on Friday by embracing a major immigration plan that's more stringent and conservative than lawmakers had expected. It not only would block President Barack Obama's recent limits on deportations, but also would undo earlier protections for immigrants brought to the country illegally as children.

The House is pushing toward a vote Wednesday.

As the rebellious hard-liners celebrated, mainstream Republicans who vowed to oust the speaker, Rep. Richard Nugent of Florida, praised the Boehner-backed immigration plan.

The dissidents have complained that Boehner is too willing to compromise with Obama and Democrats. But rather than seeing the rebels frozen out dur-

ing closed-door GOP discussions on immigration strategy, Nugent said, "this time, it's a very collaborative approach."

For now, though, Nugent is still off the House Rules Committee, where membership is at the discretion of the speaker.

Rep. Louie Gohmert of Texas, whom Democrats sometimes portray as the most unreasonable of conservative purists, was equally enthusiastic. "One of the things that has really been lacking for the last eight years is having more input like we've finally gotten in this bill," Gohmert said.

Some Boehner allies had urged him to punish and isolate Gohmert and the other rebels.

But that approach might permanently antagonize tea party-leaning Republicans and "force Boehner into making more concessions" to Democrats to pass bills, "which is the last thing in the world we want," said GOP Rep. Kenny Marchant of Texas, shortly after Tuesday's leadership vote.

Boehner's agreement to nudge his caucus rightward, especially on immigration, could cause headaches for Republican presidential candidates needing Hispanic votes. And it will complicate life for Senate Republicans, who now hold the majority but generally can't pass bills without at least six Democratic votes, thanks to filibuster powers.



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Former Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney addresses of supporters in Stratham, N.H., in July 2014.

Sources: Romney mulls White House run

By STEVE PEOPLES
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a move that surprised his most loyal supporters and former staff, Mitt Romney told several donors Friday he's seriously considering a third run for the White House — a dramatic shift for the former Republican presidential nominee after months of insisting his career in politics is over.

Romney attended a private gathering of donors at the New York offices of Woody Johnson, a leading Romney donor in 2012 and owner of the New York Jets, several people with direct knowledge of the meeting told The Associated Press.

All spoke under condition of anonymity, as they were not authorized to speak publicly about the private discussions. The meeting was first reported by The Wall Street Journal.

The news from Romney comes as former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush marches swiftly toward a 2016 bid of his own, which threatens to win much of the support from the Republican establishment that fueled Romney's last campaign. Bush has spent recent weeks hosting private fundraising meetings across the country and is courting top talent to staff a potential campaign.

While the first primary contests in the 2016 race are roughly a year away, and no one has formally declared his or her candidacy,

more than a dozen high-profile candidates are considering getting into the race.

One person at Friday's meeting, which included a conference call and was attended by roughly 15 of Romney's most generous and loyal past donors, said the gathering was meant to be an open-ended discussion among old friends. Several donors in the room already privately had committed to other 2016 contenders but wanted to hear from their one-time favorite.

Toward the end of the hourlong session, Romney told his one-time allies they should tell their friends that a Romney 2016 campaign is under serious consideration, according to one person in the room.

NATION

Another arrest

Zimmerman faces assault charge in Fla.

The Associated Press

SANFORD, Fla. — Florida authorities say George Zimmerman, whose acquittal in the slaying of an unarmed black teen sparked a national debate on race and self-defense laws, has been charged with aggravated assault, for allegedly throwing a wine bottle at his girlfriend.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office said Zimmerman, 31, was arrested in Lake Mary on about 10 p.m. Friday. He was released on a \$5,000 bond Saturday afternoon. At a court appearance earlier Saturday, he was ordered to avoid contact with the woman, who was not identified.

Judge John Galluzzo gave few details of the incident, but said a wine bottle was involved and that the alleged assault happened at Zimmerman's Lake Mary home.



Zimmerman

Zimmerman was acquitted in 2013 of a second-degree murder charge for shooting an unarmed teenager, Trayvon Martin.

Since his acquittal, Zimmerman has had several brushes with the law.

■ He was arrested on charges of aggravated assault, battery and criminal mischief after his then-girlfriend said he pointed a gun at her face during an argument, smashed her coffee table and pushed her out of the house they shared. Samantha Scheibe decided not to cooperate with detectives and prosecutors didn't pursue the case.

■ Zimmerman was accused by his estranged wife of smashing an iPad during an argument at their home. Shellie Zimmerman initially told a dispatcher her husband had a gun, though she later said he was unarmed. No charges were ever filed because of a lack of evidence. The dispute occurred days after Shellie Zimmerman filed divorce papers.

■ Zimmerman has also been pulled over three times for traffic violations since his acquittal.

Islamic cleric gets life in plot to kidnap tourists in Yemen

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — An Egyptian-born cleric who turned a London mosque into a training ground for extremist Islamists was sent to prison for life on Friday by a judge who cited his lack of remorse for "barbaric" acts that included aiding kidnappers who killed four tourists in Yemen in 1998 and sending two men to the United States to open a terrorist training camp in Oregon.

"If released, you would do it again," U.S. District Judge Katherine Forrest told Mustafa Kamel Mustafa, a former engineer who was jailed by Great Britain on separate charges in 2004 and extradited to the United States in 2011.

The white-haired Mustafa remained composed as the judge announced the sentence, saying it was significant "you have not expressed sympathy or remorse for the victims of the Yemeni kidnapping."

She called his actions "barbaric, misguided and wrong" and read aloud the names of the victims, saying, "With the passage of time, their names have not been lost."

The judge said a life sentence was necessary in part because Mustafa, 56, had "not had a change of heart" and would try to inspire others to commit violence if he were released.

She quoted from his speeches, including one in which he advocated killing people, and another in



ELIZABETH WILLIAMS/AP

Mustafa Kamel Mustafa makes a statement during his sentencing Friday in New York.

which he called terrorism "a very effective weapon." She called him a "very complicated man," saying he had been raised in privilege, attending private schools and getting an advanced degree.

Mustafa's lawyers had urged leniency, citing his missing hands and forearms from what he says was a 1993 accident with explosives when he helped the Pakistani military as a civil engineer. Mustafa also suffers from psoriasis, diabetes and high blood pressure.

The judge said she will not prejudice the ability of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to properly evaluate Mustafa's needs and to designate an appropriate prison.

Asked to speak, Mustafa, also known as Abu Hamza al-Masri, maintained his innocence and called for a worldwide investigation into the cause of the World Trade Center's collapse on Sept. 11, 2001. But, otherwise, he spent 15 minutes complaining about life in prison as a double amputee.



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Ferguson police Chief Tom Jackson answers questions at a news conference in Forestwood Park in August.

Top Missouri leaders pressured Ferguson for chief's resignation

By JIM SALTER
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The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Some of Missouri's top leaders tried unsuccessfully to pressure Ferguson police Chief Tom Jackson to resign after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown, interviews with several elected officials and newly released records show.

Ferguson Mayor James Knowles III told The Associated Press on Friday that top state officials had several meetings at which they applied pressure on the city to force Jackson to resign. Missouri House Speaker John Diehl and U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill confirmed they both attended a fall meeting to discuss whether Jackson should be forced out.

Also, records provided to AP under an open records request include a Nov. 10 email from St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar to an assistant that describes an apparent meeting of state and local officials. It references the potential timing of Jackson's "separation" and identifies a potential successor.

Brown, 18 and unarmed, was shot by officer Darren Wilson on Aug. 9, and the shooting of a black suspect by a white officer led to significant unrest in St. Louis County.

Jackson's leadership drew wide criticism from the outset, both for the aggressive police response to protesters and for his agency's erratic and infrequent releases of key information.

He refused to publicly identify Wilson as the shooter for nearly a week after Brown's death, then simultaneously released the name with store security video that police said showed Brown stealing a box of cigars and showing a clerk a short time before his death.

The unrest in St. Louis County escalated after the Nov. 24 announcement that a grand jury declined to indict Wilson, who later resigned.

Knowles on Friday refused to name any of the officials who

urged Jackson's removal.

"I was at a lot of meetings where that was brought up," Knowles said. "There were different people advocating for the chief to be fired or quit or whatever. I want to make it clear: We never considered that."

A message left with Jackson was not returned.

McCaskill confirmed in a written statement that she attended such a meeting — one of many involving community leaders, elected officials and members of law enforcement, the statement said. "And a variety of issues were discussed to help ease tension in the St. Louis region, and address systemic issues highlighted in Ferguson-issues including personnel changes at the Ferguson police department."

St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay and his chief of staff, Jeff Rainford, attended several such meetings, Rainford said.

Diehl said he participated in two meetings — one in Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster's office in St. Louis — in which officials discussed efforts to try to get both Jackson and Wilson to resign. Diehl said the meetings occurred around the time of the Nov. 4 elections, and he disagreed with the attempts to seek their resignations because the grand jury process was ongoing.

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Mayor James Knowles III
Ferguson, Mo.

Gun shop owner dies in botched robbery shooting

The Associated Press

SHAWNEE, Kan. — A gun shop owner died from gunshot wounds Friday after a botched robbery that left three suspects wounded, police said.

Shawnee police said in a news release that John Bieker, 44, died after the shooting at the Shawnee store called She's a Pistol, which caters to female gun owners. Police said gunfire erupted after four men tried to rob Bieker and his wife, Rebecca.

Authorities said John Bieker and two of the suspects had been taken from the store in critical condition. Rebecca Bieker wasn't shot but sustained minor injuries.

Police said in a news release that the other two suspects, including one who had been shot, fled but were located a short time later on the porch of a nearby home.

Johnson County Med-Act spokeswoman Angela Fera said the injuries of the fourth shoot-

ing victim weren't considered life-threatening.

The uninjured suspect was being held on suspicion of aggravated robbery. The hospitalized suspects were under guard, police said.

The website for She's a Pistol describes the store as a "woman-owned personal protection and self-defense training, services, and supplies company."

A phone call to the store rang to voicemail Friday afternoon during business hours.

NATION

As flu spreads, CDC pushes antiviral meds

By MIKE STOBBE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the midst of a worrisome flu season, health officials are pushing doctors to prescribe antiviral medicines more often.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday sent a new alert to doctors, advising prompt use of Tamiflu and other antivirals for hospitalized flu patients and those at higher risk for complications like pneumonia.

CDC officials say a nasty strain of flu is going around that is more dangerous to elderly people and very young children. What's more, officials think the flu vaccine doesn't work well against this particular virus. So "it's more important than usual" that doctors

treat certain patients with Tamiflu or other antiviral medications, CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said at a news conference Friday.

CDC officials said flu was reported to be widespread in 46 states last week, up from 43 the week before. But there was a small drop in states reporting high numbers of flu-related doctor's office visits. That's one sign that for some areas, the worst stretch of the current flu season may be ending.

Flu seasons tend to last about 13 weeks, and CDC data suggests the nation is about seven weeks in Frieden said. "It seems we're right in the middle of flu season," he said.

However, while flu may be ebbing in some states, it's increasing in others, and it's not clear whether

flu has peaked overall, health officials said.

CDC research suggests doctors prescribe antivirals to one in five high-risk flu patients. CDC officials say the number should be higher.

When given promptly — within two days of the beginning of flu symptoms — they can shorten the amount of time someone is sick with the flu, a number of studies have found. The drugs also can prevent patients from becoming sick enough to end up in hospital intensive care units — or worse, Frieden said.

"Antiviral flu medicines save lives," he said.

The CDC sent an advisory to physicians last month, warning them this could be a potentially bad flu season and encouraging

prompt treatment with antivirals. CDC officials said doctors should not wait for test results confirming the flu if they are dealing with an elderly patient, someone who is very sick from the flu, or someone with pre-existing conditions like asthma, diabetes and heart disease.

The CDC sent a second alert to doctors Friday that repeated earlier recommendations and noted a new antiviral was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration last month. It's called Rapivab, and is an infusion that can be given to sick patients who aren't able to take Tamiflu pills or another, inhalable antiviral medicine called Relenza.

Doctors have been cautious about prescribing antiviral medicines for a number of reasons,

CDC officials say. Some want lab results confirming flu before they prescribe flu drugs. In cases in which patients delayed seeking treatment, doctors may worry the patients are already too far into the illness for the drugs to do much good.

And there also is uncertainty about the drugs' effectiveness in reducing hospitalizations and complications.

Last year, a respected international network of researchers — the Cochrane Collaboration — published a review of past studies on the medications, and found there was no good evidence to support claims that Tamiflu reduces flu complications or flu-related hospitalizations. At best, it shortens flu symptoms by half a day, the Cochrane report said.

SpaceX launches for NASA, fails rocket landing at sea

By MARCIA DUNN
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX pulled off another successful launch of supplies to the International Space Station on Saturday, but its revolutionary attempt to land the leftover booster on an ocean barge fared less well.

The company's billionaire founder, Elon Musk, said the first stage of the unmanned Falcon rocket made it to the platform floating a couple of hundred miles off Florida's northeastern coast. But the booster came down too hard and broke apart, he said.

"Close, but no cigar this time," Musk said via Twitter. He said it bodes well for the future, though.

It was the first time anyone tried anything like it. Musk maintains that recovering and reusing rockets is essential for bringing down launch costs and speeding up operations.

The primary mission for SpaceX was delivering more than 5,000 pounds of supplies ordered by NASA, including heavy replacements for experiments and equipment lost in the destruction of another company's cargo ship last fall, as well as extra groceries. Belated Christmas pres-

ents also were on board for the six space station astronauts.

"Hurrah! A #Dragon is coming to visit bringing gifts," Italian astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti said in a tweet from orbit.

Without interfering with the \$133 million delivery, Musk had fins for guidance and landing legs installed on the first stage of the rocket, and positioned a modified barge off the coast of Jacksonville. A ship with SpaceX staff watched from a safe 10 miles away as the booster approached the platform, marked with a giant X.

Musk reported that the platform, itself — 300 feet by 100 feet, with wings stretching the width to 170 feet — was fine following the attempted touchdown. But he said some of the equipment on deck will need to be replaced. There ended up being no good video of the "landing/impact," he said in a tweet, noting it was "pitch dark and foggy" out in the ocean.

"Will piece it together from telemetry and ... actual pieces," he said.

Brief TV images from booster cameras, broadcast by NASA, showed water bubbles.

In the weeks preceding the landing test, Musk had estimated there was a 50-50 chance, at best, that the Falcon's first-stage booster would land vertically on the



CRAIG RUBADOUX/AP

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket with a Dragon cargo capsule aboard lights up the sky early Saturday after liftoff from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Launch complex 40 as it streaks past a Space Shuttle monument in Titusville, Fla.

platform.

Once separated from the upper stage of the rocket, the main booster re-ignited as planned for the flyback, according to SpaceX. Automatic engine firings maneuvered the booster down toward the autonomous, modified barge. The Air Force

maintained the ability, as always, to destroy the booster if it strayed off course.

NASA watched the post-landing drama with keen interest, but its biggest focus was on the Dragon racing toward the space station. The capsule is due to arrive there Monday.

Obama's plan for free community college like Tenn., Chicago efforts

By KIMBERLY HEFLING
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Did someone say "free tuition"?

President Barack Obama's plan, called "America's College Promise," seeks to make two years of community or technical college "as free and universal as high school." It comes with a steep price tag and doubts about sufficient support in Congress.

Some questions and answers about the plan announced Friday:

How would the plan work?

A student would need to go to school at least half-time, maintain a 2.5 grade point average and make progress toward a degree.

States would have to provide about a quarter of the costs of the program, maintain existing education spending and work to reduce the need for remedial classes and repeated courses.

Colleges with participating students would have to offer academic programs that fully transfer to four-year colleges or job training programs with high graduation rates that lead to degrees and certifications sought by employers.

How can it be "free"?

It's only free to students. The proposal, estimated to cost the federal government \$60 billion over 10 years, could save students an average \$3,800 in tuition per

year. The White House estimates that if every state opted in, about 9 million students could be helped.

Why now?

Obama's proposal is loosely modeled after the "Tennessee Promise," a scholarship program to begin this fall using lottery money in Tennessee that provides two years of free tuition to state community and technical colleges. Roughly 90 percent of the state's high school seniors have applied, although not all are expected to use the benefit. The goal is to help bolster the proportion of Tennesseans with postsecondary degrees from 33 percent to 55 percent.

There also is a similar program

in Chicago.

Will Obama's proposal pass Congress?

The Republican-led Congress has shown a reluctance to adopt new, big spending programs. Even supporters of the Tennessee program, like Republican Sen. Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker of Tennessee, say that the program is better kept at the state and local levels.

"Unless the president has a responsible plan to meet our existing commitments, he shouldn't be making new promises the American people can't afford," said Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., chairman of the House Education and

the Workforce Committee.

Besides questions about funding, what are the arguments against the plan?

While supporters say such a program expands the pool of students going to college, educators disagree on whether this is the best use of tax dollars. That's in part because some of the students who benefit could afford to pay for tuition on their own and the neediest students might not get all the aid they need.

In Tennessee, some private college leaders and politicians have expressed concern that the Tennessee plan could divert students and scholarship money away from four-year schools.

WORLD

Militant attack in Nigeria declared 'deadliest'

By IBRAHIM ABDULAZIZ
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The Associated Press

YOLA, Nigeria — Hundreds of bodies — too many to count — remain strewn in the bush in Nigeria from an Islamic extremist attack that Amnesty International suggested Friday is the "deadliest massacre" in the history of Boko Haram.

Mike Omeri, the government spokesman on the insurgency, said fighting continued Friday in Baga, a town on the border with Chad where insurgents seized a key military base on Jan. 3 and attacked again on Wednesday.

"Security forces have responded rapidly, and have deployed

significant military assets and conducted airstrikes against militant targets," Omeri said in a statement.

District head Baba Abba Hassan said most victims are children, women and elderly people who could not run fast enough when insurgents drove into Baga, firing rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles on town residents.

"The human carnage perpetrated by Boko Haram terrorists in Baga was enormous," Muhammad Abba Gava, a spokesman for poorly armed civilians in a defense group that fights Boko Haram, told The Associated Press.

He said the civilian fighters gave up on trying to count all the bodies. "No one could attend to the

'The human carnage perpetrated by Boko Haram terrorists in Baga was enormous.'

Muhammad Abba Gava
defense group spokesman

2,000 people killed.

If true, "this marks a disturbing and bloody escalation of Boko

Haram's ongoing onslaught," said Daniel Eyre, Nigeria researcher for Amnesty International. In Washington, U.S. State Department Spokesman Jen Psaki condemned the attacks. "We urge Nigeria and its neighbors to take all possible steps to address the urgent threat of Boko Haram. Even in the face of these horrifying attacks, terrorist organizations like Boko Haram must not distract Nigeria from carrying out credible and peaceful elections that reflect the will of the Nigerian people," Psaki said in a statement.

The previous bloodiest day in the uprising involved soldiers gunning down unarmed detainees freed in a March 14 attack on the

Guwa military barracks in Maiduguri city. Amnesty said then that satellite imagery indicated more than 600 people were killed that day.

The five-year insurgency killed more than 10,000 people last year alone, according to the Washington-based Council on Foreign Relations. More than a million people are displaced inside Nigeria, and hundreds of thousands have fled across its borders into Chad and Cameroon.

Emergency workers said last week they are having a hard time coping with scores of children separated from their parents in the chaos of Boko Haram's increasingly frequent and deadly attacks.

Venezuela not amused by french fry shortage

By ROBERTO A. FERDMAN
The Washington Post

Venezuela's leaders aren't taking the ongoing McDonald's french fry shortage in their country too well.

Publicly sponsored news outlets, government officials and even the country's President Nicolas Maduro have all responded to McDonald's unthinkable french fry shortage, which spans all 100 outlets in the country, by publicly criticizing the chain and its french fries.

One of the loudest responses came from Telesur, a state-sponsored news outlet, which wasted no time in getting to what it viewed as the heart of the issue. The outlet published a story headlined, "McDonald's joins economic war against Venezuela," not-so-subtly suggesting that the lack of fried potato sticks is somehow tied to a broader war being waged by the United States and its capitalist ways.

"The U.S. multinational fast-food chain is claiming it cannot get potatoes in Venezuela, despite the fact other restaurants do not have the same problem," the article begins.

Articles have also surfaced on Apporee, a pro-government website, about separate, isolated food safety scares at McDonald's in the United States (in this case, Japan and China). The article, titled "McDonald's apologizes after a tooth and plastic are found in its food," is one of the few pieces published last week by the outlet that is not about a domestic matter.

Public figures, including Venezuela's president, have also taken to Twitter. Among other things, Maduro retweeted a tweet by Roberto Hernandez, Venezuela's minister for Labor and Social Security, which said McDonald's french fries are cancerous.



PRASETYO UTOMO/AP

A portion of the tail of AirAsia Flight 8501 is seen on the deck of a rescue ship after it was recovered from the floor of the Java Sea on Saturday.

AirAsia jet's tail lifted from sea

By AHMAD IBRAHIM
The Associated Press

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia — A tail section from the crashed AirAsia plane became the first major wreckage lifted off the seabed Saturday, two weeks after Flight 8501 went down, killing all 162 people on board.

The red metal chunk with the word "Asia" written across it was brought to the surface using inflatable balloons. It was not immediately clear whether the cockpit voice and flight data recorders — located in the plane's rear — were inside this piece or had detached when the Airbus A320 plummeted into the sea Dec. 28. Their recovery is essential to finding out why it crashed.

The debris was hoisted from a depth of about 100 feet, and local TV footage showed it resting on a ship.

Intermittent underwater ping-like sounds were picked up Friday about a half-mile from where the tail section was located, but it was unclear whether they were coming from the recorders. It was possible the signals were coming from another source.

No metal was detected at the ping location, and Nurcahyo Utomo, a National Commission for Transportation Safety investigator, said the sounds could not be confirmed.

The discovery of the tail on the ocean floor last week was a major breakthrough in the slow-moving search, which has been hampered by seasonal rains, choppy seas and blinding silt from river runoff.

But Suryadi Bambang Supriyadi, operation director of Indonesia's national search and rescue agency, said Saturday that he was still focused on finding the main section of fuselage where most

of the bodies are believed to be entombed. Several large objects have been spotted in the area by sonar, but they have not yet been explored underwater.

"This is what the families have been waiting for," he said. "They have been crying for 14 days."

The last contact the pilots had with air traffic control, about halfway into their two-hour journey from Surabaya, Indonesia, to Singapore, indicated they were entering stormy weather. They asked to climb from 32,000 feet to 38,000 feet to avoid threatening clouds, but were denied permission because of heavy air traffic above them. Four minutes later, the plane dropped off the radar.

Four additional bodies were recovered Friday — two of them still strapped in their seats on the ocean floor — bringing the total to 48.

Russia lists transgender people as unfit to drive

By LYNN BERRY
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — New Russian road safety regulations bar transsexuals, transvestites and others with sexual "disorders" from driving, ostensibly for medical reasons.

The new regulations have been criticized by rights activists, who see them as unconstitutional and likely to exacerbate an already hostile climate for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in Russia.

"The new Russian rules banning people from driving because of their gender identity are ridiculous and unlawful," Nils Muiznieks, human rights commissioner for the Council of Europe, said in a message posted Friday on Facebook. He urged Russia "to immediately amend the rules to remove this ban."

The government resolution, dated Dec. 29 and signed by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, lists numerous medical conditions, including "mental and behavioral disorders" defined by the World Health Organization, that the government believes disqualify a person for a driving license.

The resolution does not claim WHO endorsement for the new driving restrictions.

"That is certainly not the intent of WHO's classifications," said Shekhar Saxena, director of WHO's mental health department. He said they were meant to lead to more reliable diagnosis so, "for example, when someone is diagnosed with a disease in Germany, they would get the same diagnosis in France."

The WHO classification contains "gender identity disorders" and "disorders of sexual preference," including fetishism and voyeurism. The organization has been under pressure for years to stop considering transgender people as mentally ill.

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OPINION

Questions for Lynch on Justice, fairness

By GEORGE F. WILL

Senate confirmation hearings put nominees on notice that, as a Michigan state legislator reportedly once said, "I'm watching everything you do with a fine-toothed comb." Loretta Lynch, a talented lawyer and seasoned U.S. attorney, should be confirmed as attorney general. Her hearing, however, should not be perfunctory. Questions like the following would highlight some festering problems:

■ Next year is the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, which began the slow, serpentine progress to our modern panoply of rights, including those of people accused of serious crimes. Today, however, regarding sexual misconduct on campuses, the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights uses the threat of withdrawing federal funding to coerce colleges and universities into jettisoning criminal defendants' protections when adjudicating in improvised tribunals, accusations of sexual assault. Presumption of innocence? The new presumption is that accusations are valid until disproved. The right to confront one's accuser? No, it would be traumatizing to the "survivor" (note the prejudgment). Proof beyond a reasonable doubt? Now a mere "preparation of the evidence" will suffice. Are you comfortable with this trudging of due process?

■ Much ink and indignation have been properly expended concerning the torture of some detainees by counterterrorism personnel. But what about the promiscuous use — currently impacting thousands of prisoners — of long-term solitary confinement in prisons? In 1890, the Supreme

Court said of such punishment: "A considerable number of the prisoners held, after even a short confinement, into a semi-fatal condition, from which it was next to impossible to arouse them, and others became violently insane; others still committed suicide." Given its deranging effects, does this practice constitute torture as defined by federal law — conduct "specifically intended to inflict severe physical or mental pain or suffering"?

■ Years past, studies are written and vows are made, yet the scandal of prison rape persists. When will the government stop this crime against inmates in its custody?

■ The U.S. incarceration rate is five times Wales and England's, nine times Germany's, 14 times Japan's. In 2010, more than 200,000 inmates — approximately the nation's total number of prisoners in 1970 — were over the age of 50. How can this be necessary?

■ When choosing between two evils, Mae West said, "I always pick the one I never tried before." The number of drug offenders in federal prisons is 20 times the number in 1980, and accounts for more than half of our federal mass incarceration. The "war on drugs" is horrendously expensive (in money and shattered lives) and hardly effective (drug prices fall as quality rises). Is it time to consider decriminalizing some controlled substances?

■ In California, which spends almost as much on corrections and rehabilitation as on universities, approximately 2,000 people who have committed no violent or otherwise serious crime are serving 25 years to life under the state's "three strikes and you're out" law. It mandates such sentences for any third felony. Do you think that

mandatory — and often draconian — minimum sentences prevent judges from judging? And that the threat of such sentences by extorting guilty pleas, can vitiate the right to a trial?

■ The Justice Department has been, to say no more, unhelpful regarding attempts to fully investigate and properly punish the politicization and corruption of the IRS. Given the department's seeming complicity in the cover-up, would it not be appropriate to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the IRS practice of suppressing the political activity of conservative groups?

■ Civil forfeiture — the seizure of property suspected of being produced by, or involved with, crime — has become a lucrative business for lawless law enforcement. Civil forfeiture treats citizens worse than criminals, seizing the property of people neither convicted of nor even indicted for a crime. All or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of such property goes to those who seized it. You are the department with this form of moral hazard. Between 2011 and 2013, your U.S. Attorney's office reaped more than \$113 million from such forfeitures. Do you agree that this practice often is indistinguishable from robbery?

■ Many progressives say that the 34 states that have passed laws requiring voters to have a government-issued photo ID are practicing "vote suppression." Does requiring a photo ID at airports constitute "travel suppression"? Visitors to the Justice Department are required to present photo IDs. Will you — we will be watching with a fine-toothed comb — plan to end this "visit suppression"?

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McDonnell apologized for wife's behavior he caused

By PETULA DVORAK

The Washington Post

Two years of prison time. That was the sentence handed down by U.S. District Judge James Spencer to former Virginia Gov. Robert McDonnell for abusing office once occupied by Thomas Jefferson.

It was far less than prosecutors were seeking, but far more than McDonnell's defense attorneys wanted.

Was it a just outcome? Honestly, the only way to truly teach McDonnell, 60, a lesson would be sentencing him to move back to Virginia Beach and raise five kids on his own. That's what his wife Maureen had to do — and it's earned her nothing but blame from her husband, his political allies and even one of her own daughters. She's the one, they said, who sought \$177,000 in lavish gifts and sweetheart loans from Richmond, Va., entrepreneur Jonnie Williams.

The judge, to his credit, called those who blame Maureen McDonnell "dangerously delusional."

"While Mrs. McDonnell may have allowed the serpent into the mansion, the governor knowingly let him into his personal and business affairs," Spencer said.

Amen, judge. But instead of having McDonnell report to prison by Feb. 9, maybe an even better punishment would have been to have him step into his wife's shoes for about 30 years. Mandate that he start from scratch and spend every day with skinned knees, sticky fingers, soggy practice, runny noses, swim meeks, clogged toilets, homework and spaghetti dinners.

He would also get a wife as fine as the sentence — a beautiful, powerful, successful and adored public figure who never listens to him when he tells her that he's

tired, cranky, needs some help or wishes she'd stop all this travel and public appearances.

After the household money runs low, and people start calling her "Your Excellency," McDonnell would have to find a way to make ends meet. His careerist wife would then move to Richmond, and leave him behind, so the kids could finish school.

In between loads of laundry and breaking up fights, McDonnell would be required to pull himself together for public appearances with the Adored Wife. He wouldn't get to speak much, he'd be blown off by most people, and anyone who did talk about him would mention the hole in his shirt, the little paunch around his waist and the weird way he dyed his hair.

When he would tell his wife that he didn't have the stomach for all this, she would stay saying "work really, really late. Until he was asleep. So she didn't have to talk to him.

That should do it.

But maybe two years in prison was the right call. McDonnell was presidential material. After all, testified former Virginia Gov. Doug Wilder. And now that's gone.

The White House? What was he thinking?

Maureen McDonnell, who will be sentenced Feb. 20 for eight counts of public corruption, had a hard time with her husband being a state delegate, let alone commander in chief. He was even more delusional than the judge suggested if he thought she could deal with 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. And it was narcissism in full blossom when he forged ahead in a high-stakes political career that his wife was neither interested nor capable of living.

At the sentencing on Tuesday, witnesses

testified to what an absolutely flawless man McDonnell was. And yet, none of them had an issue with the way he conducted the most important relationship in his life — the one with his wife.

He was willing to trash her to prove his innocence, trying to argue that he and his wife didn't conspire to corrupt anything because they were barely talking.

Some of his friends emailed me to underscore how awful she was (She tried to sell her vitamin supplements to everyone at the office! Gasp!) and how poor Bob was stuck because he's a devout Catholic and his faith wouldn't let him divorce her.

One man even said they had an alert system for when she was on her way to the office so that they could all disappear and avoid her. Huh. No wonder she hated his wife.

Instead of defending his wife, McDonnell allegedly apologized to aides for her behavior.

McDonnell finally showed some self-awareness at his sentencing Tuesday. "I stand before you a heartbroken and humbled man," McDonnell said, months after he'd laid bare the painful details of marriage for everyone to hear.

He admitted in court that he allowed his life as governor to become "out of balance," without enough focus on his family. He said he held himself "accountable for all the words, all the actions I took as governor of Virginia. I ask that whatever mercy you might have, you grant it first to my wife Maureen," he told the judge.

To bad he didn't do that himself, many years ago. He may never have made it to the governor's mansion. But he probably wouldn't be heading to prison, either.

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OPINION

Remember the effort to ‘Save Darfur’?

By SCOTT WARREN

Recent news out of the Darfur region of Sudan has been devastating. In the midst of increasing violence, with more individuals displaced in the past year than at any point in the 10-year conflict, the International Criminal Court is suspending its genocide case against Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, and the United Nations is shrinking its already reduced peacekeeping operations in the region. This turn of events is probably news to the American public — perhaps because most have forgotten Darfur was in trouble in the first place.

This is a far cry from just eight years ago, when the situation in Darfur inspired rallies headlined by George Clooney and a newly elected Sen. Barack Obama, both of whom had spent time in the region, and led to bipartisan sanctions legislation in Congress. Cosmopolitan magazine even got in on the act, noting in 2005 that the best place to meet a new guy was at a Darfur protest. The issue was hot: From college campuses to religious congregations, from President George W. Bush to Oprah, everyone wanted to “Save Darfur.” I helped lead the student coalition dedicated to the effort, which at its peak had more than 800 chapters, raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, and led the biggest divestment effort since South Africa.

Now, after a few headlines, Darfur will barely flutter feathers. And this is with Obama as president, and Samantha Power, whose book on America’s response to genocide helped spawn the movement, as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. What happened?

To start, new geopolitical crises have

pushed Darfur off the front pages. Amid violence in Syria, the never-ending problems in the Middle East, the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, and Russia’s incursions into Ukraine, Darfur just didn’t stack up. Our society places different values on human lives from different areas, and those being massacred and displaced in Darfur aren’t as high on the international arena’s scale as they were just eight years ago.

In addition, the American public is becoming increasingly isolationist. A recent Pew poll indicates that more than half of Americans believe that the United States should mind its own business internationally, the highest rate in 50 years. Recent conflicts in Syria and Libya are seen as someone else’s problems, with the far left and the far right uniting to focus efforts at home. The same Darfur movement that emerged years ago might not be possible given the isolationist strands that are now part of the American political consciousness.

The anti-genocide movement also suffered because the right people are now in charge. If you had told activists in 2006 that Obama would be president and Power would be the U.N. ambassador, that scenario would have marked a far bigger success than any legislative options available. However, it seems that electoral success led to assuming that the new leadership would make Darfur a higher priority. It was easier for them to shame Bush for a lack of effective action than it is to push Obama and Power.

And there is the movement, itself. It would be arrogant to say that the loss of activism has caused a substantive change to the international response to Darfur. But the movement’s energy has substantively



PETE MULLEN/AP

Actor and activist George Clooney takes part in an interview in the southern Sudanese capital city of Juba in 2011.

been capped out. In 2010, the two main organizations coordinating advocacy on the conflict had a cumulative budget of almost \$6 million. They merged, and today that organization, United to End Genocide, has a budget of barely \$1 million. The 2006 rally featuring Clooney and Obama saw 50,000 people come to Washington and plead for more action. There is nothing resembling that action today.

Activists became tired, jaded, or both. When Darfur was labeled a genocide by the U.S. government, idealistic young people saw this as a chance to put the

“Never Again” principle into action. But the conflict was complicated, and when the genocide did not end overnight, activists moved on. Was Darfur activism a case of upper-middle-class, white college students exhibiting a sense of guilt and privilege? Probably. But the aftermath has been neglected of a conflict that now needs attention more than ever.

There’s a legitimate case to be made that America’s role in the world is not what it used to be, and that the Obama administration could not end the conflict in Darfur. See the administration’s response to Syria. But even with everything going on today, Darfur does need attention. Ending the criminal case against Bashir and pulling out U.N. troops seem to be directly related to a lack of interest from the international community rather than a lack of effective options on the table.

I spent four years committed to ending the genocide in Darfur, and I did leave the movement with a bitter taste in my mouth. I was tired, I was not convinced I had spent my time in the best of ways, and I had too much of a sense of self-importance after fighting a battle I didn’t know much about. But I know enough to recognize that the current situation is about as far away from success as we could have hoped.

It’s unrealistic for another Darfur movement to start today. And it probably wouldn’t be helpful. But it would be nice if everyone who cared about the conflict in 2006, activists and presidents alike, woke up. There is action that needs to be taken. If not, perhaps the only thing the Darfur rallies were good for was a fun time.

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Attacking Islamic State recruiting is no menial task

By VIRGINIA POSTREL

Bloomberg News

The Pentagon is trying to figure out why Islamic State has been so successful at attracting followers. “What makes it so magnetic, inspirational?” Maj. Gen. Michael Nagata, who commands U.S. special operations forces in the Middle East, asked a conference call of outside experts examining the question, according to a recent New York Times report. “They are drawing people to the movement,” he headed off pragmatic T-shirts and mugs. “On a later call, Nagata admitted, “I do not understand the intangible power of ISIL,” another name for the group.

Confronting Islamic State requires an exercise largely unfamiliar to the American mind. The U.S. is a pragmatic, thinking carefully about the elusive, seductive magic of glamour. Making that task all the more difficult, it also demands recognizing the allure of ideas and images that baffle, offend or horrify most Westerners. As beauty is in the eye of the beholder, glamour is physical. They are emotional.

Glamour is effective because it gives specific form to inchoate desires, whether for love, wealth, power, recognition, freedom, adventure or divine favor. In “The Power of Glamour” I wrote, “The desires glamour serves and intensifies are never purely physical. They are emotional.”

That’s as true for a bored and angry young man contemplating jihad as it is for a harried working mother imagining a spa vacation. A glamorous image or idea offers its audience a shimmering promise of life transformed and perfected. It focuses the audience’s longings.

“What inspires the most lethal terror-

ists in the world today is not so much the Quran or religious teachings as a thrilling cause and call to action that promises glory and esteem in the eyes of friends. Jihad is an egalitarian, equal-opportunity employer: fraternal, fast-breaking, glorious and cool,” noted anthropologist Scott Atran, who studies what moves people to join jihadist organizations.

With this promise of camaraderie, glory, adventure and significance, Islamic State is tapping into martial glamour, whose many incarnations are as ancient as Achilles and as American as the Marine Corps. But in this case the cause is not patriotic but religious.

Islamic State’s recruitment imagery and Internet fan posts offer a different, more contemporary and overtly violent form of glamour. Videos, magazine features and Twitter memes mirror the glamour of action movies, shooter video games and gangsta rap. They make killing look effortless, righteous and triumphant. They promise to make the jihadist feel manly and important.

Indeed, the “intangible power” of Islamic State stems from its ability to meld combat with the seductive charms of mass media and glamour with a compellingly utopian version of religious faith. Conventional hometown imams often have little to offer alienated young British men longing for excitement and purpose, argued Shiraz Maher, a researcher at the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation at King’s College London, compared with “the hyper-empowering appeal of IS videos, filled with balacava-wearing boys in smocks offering the promise of making history.” “The religious extremism that separates Islamic State from mainstream Muslim life is itself part of the thrill.

“Those drawn towards more radical interpretations of Islam,” Maher wrote for New Statesmen, “have dismissed older members of their communities as cowards or religious sell-outs.”

The result is a 21st-century Islamic version of the medieval Christian Crusades. Islamic State promises ordinary mad adventure, fellowship and religious significance if they fight infidels and heretics in a distant land.

The challenge in countering these forms of glamour is to find a way to take advantage of an essential weakness. As inspiring as glamour can be, it often dissipates with experience. That’s because all glamour contains an illusion. It hides anything that might break the spell: flaws, distractions, hardship, tedium. Dispelling glamour, then, requires revealing the truth. But deliberately puncturing glamour can be harder than it sounds. (Consider the never-ending, largely futile denunciations of fashion and beauty imagery.) You have to understand not only the illusion but also why it appeals to its audience.

The State Department failed to do that with anti-Islamic State propaganda launched as part of its ongoing “Think Again Turn Away” campaign. It rightly drew widespread criticism with its ham-handed effort to horrify potential recruits with video imagery of crucified Muslims and a mosque suicide bombing. The “Welcome to the Islamic State” video ignored its purported audience’s motivations and beliefs. Islamic State doesn’t hide its brutal intolerance of Muslims who deviate from its notion of the true faith. A radical claim to purist authenticity — an ideal Islam violently purged of culture, history and variation — is in fact central to its appeal. The State Department video might

scare recruits’ parents, but it would do little to deter their alienated sons.

Making Islamic State look fearsome and successful — countering its glamour with horror — only serves to heighten the movement’s allure. To dissuade potential recruits, something more banal is required. What glamorous visions of jihadist glory obscure isn’t violence. It’s drudgery, subordination, infighting, hypocrisy and general messiness. “The reality on the ground is a world away from the glamour of well-produced recruitment videos,” wrote Maher, noting complaints about boredom and guard duty.

“I’ve basically done nothing except hand out clothes and food,” a French volunteer in Aleppo complained in a letter home, as reported by Le Figaro. “I also help clean weapons and transport dead bodies from the front.” Another griped, “I’m sick of it. They make me do the washing-up.” An Indian recruit named Arif Majed returned to Mumbai after six months with Islamic State, reportedly complaining to Indian authorities that he’d been given such menial jobs as fetching water and cleaning toilets when he wanted to fight. So much for glamour.

Empiricism Islamic State’s brutality may rally mainstream domestic audiences, but it won’t destroy the group’s glamour in the eyes of potential recruits. For that, we need more stories about menial chores, less publicity that turns terrorists into celebrities and, most essentially, battlefield evidence that effortless victory is an illusion — Islamic State is for losers.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Apologetic hotel offers rooms to 6 homeless

DE WILMINGTON — A luxury Wilmington hotel that cancelled the reservation of a group of homeless people on Christmas night now says it will provide a weekend stay for six homeless people.

The Hotel du Pont's reversal came Thursday after a story by WDEL-AM aired about the reservation cancellation. The story sparked a social media backlash, including a number of users who dropped the hotel's Facebook rating from four stars to just 1.5.

WDEL reported that the hotel apologized and called the whole thing a misunderstanding.

The hotel cancelled a reservation in a \$640 suite for six homeless people on Christmas night, saying the group probably didn't have proper identification. The room had been booked by a Newark man who said he wanted to give the group a special treat on Christmas.

Accused cat-kicker gets serious charge dropped

NY NEW YORK — A judge has dropped the most serious charge against a Brooklyn man accused of viciously kicking a cat.

A state Supreme Court judge ruled Thursday that prosecutors failed to demonstrate that the feline had been injured.

Andre Robinson was caught on video in May allegedly kicking a stray cat. According to the arrest report, the cat flew about 20 feet.

Robinson was charged with torturing and injuring an animal.

The charge required prosecutors to offer evidence of the cat's injuries. The charge carries a maximum sentence of one year in jail.

The judge said the charge could be restored if prosecutors return with the evidence.

State must disclose what's in prison food

NV LAS VEGAS — An inmate's complaint about Nevada prison food has the state Supreme Court ordering officials to say what's in the sack lunches and "chef's choice" dinners given to nearly 12,800 inmates, and whether it's healthy.

A strongly worded unanimous ruling by a three-judge panel declares it's not up to the state's top health officer, Dr. Tracey Green, to simply say inmates are not malnourished.

The court says Green has failed to provide required documentation to the Board of Prison Commissioners.

State health officials said Thursday they're preparing a statement about the ruling.

Court rules smoking ban applies to lounge

VA RICHMOND — The Supreme Court of Virginia has ruled that a Blacksburg hookah lounge is not exempt from the state's restaurant smoking ban.

In a Thursday ruling, the court said the She-Sha Cafe and Hookah Lounge is subject to the ban

THE CENSUS

\$300

The supermarket value of some shrimp that a Massachusetts man attempted to steal. John Pinard, of Spencer, was sentenced Thursday to three to five years in prison and two years of probation after pleading guilty to armed robbery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Authorities said Pinard, 38, entered a Price Chopper in June, loaded a cart with shrimp and attempted to leave. Pinard struck the store manager several times with the cart and threatened to stab store employees with a hypodermic needle. He escaped in a vehicle but left the shrimp and a pill bottle with his name on it behind. Pinard's lawyer said his client struggles with drug addiction.



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Valentine's Day love for troops

Above: Raelyn Coole, 1, makes a Valentine's Day card for her father, Staff Sgt. Randy Coole, on Tuesday at Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library in Bay City, Mich. For nearly six years, members from the Bay County children's program have hosted Valentines for Troops, an event for families to create cards or letters for soldiers, delivered by Soldiers' Angels in time for the holiday.

Left: Children and their families gather to design and create cards.



because it's not exclusively a retail tobacco store. The lounge also serves food.

The state law regulating indoor public smoking covers restaurants but specifically exempts tobacco retailers.

She-Sha had contended that most of its revenue comes from customers' use of hookahs — tall water pipes that are used to smoke flavored tobacco.

The decision reverses a December 2013 Virginia Court of Appeals' ruling that She-Sha is not subject to the ban.

Town puts on fireworks show for sick little girl

MO HANNIBAL — Never mind the bitter cold of January. When a sick little girl asked for a fireworks show, people in her northeast Missouri community found a way to grant her wish.

The Hannibal Courier-Post reported that a large crowd turned out Wednesday near the Mississippi River in Hannibal, despite a below-zero wind chill factor, to watch the show and support Molly

McKinley, 11. Molly is fighting a life-threatening form of ataxia, a neurological disorder.

She had asked Make-A-Wish Missouri for a trip to Disney World. When her illness made that impossible, the organization sought to give her a Disney-like party in Hannibal, which is Mark Twain's hometown.

People in the community pitched in. The event Wednesday also included a ceremony crowning her "Princess Molly."

Laws on hair braiding ruled unconstitutional

TX AUSTIN — A federal judge has ruled as unconstitutional Texas laws regulating businesses that teach African hair braiding.

The judge in Austin ruled that the regulations do not advance public health and safety or any other legitimate government interest.

The lawsuit was filed in 2013 by Isis Brantley, a Dallas woman who contended the laws related to her hair-braiding school were unreasonable and unconstitutional.

State rules required Brantley to convert her small business into a fully equipped barber college.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks on Monday ruled the regulations excluded Brantley from the market "absent 'a rational connection with ... fitness or capacity to engage in' hair braiding instruction."

In mass drowning, 100 cattle fall through ice

SD RAPID CITY — An estimated 100 cattle drowned when they fell through the ice on a reservoir that straddles the South Dakota-Nebraska border.

Mike Carlow told the Rapid City Journal that he's never seen anything like it in his 40 years of ranching. South Dakota Stockgrowers Association President Bob Fortune said such incidents involving a large number of cattle are rare.

Carlow's theory is that a windstorm pushed the cattle to seek shelter behind a tree line near the reservoir, and too many of them ventured onto the ice at the same

time.

The cattle belonged to Mike Carlow and his brother, Pat Carlow. They ranch on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and estimate their loss at about \$300,000. Mike Carlow said the cattle were not insured.

State panel authorizes home delivery of beer

PA EASTON — Want a six-pack delivered with your pizza?

Thanks to a recent ruling by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, businesses with retail liquor licenses can legally bring suds to the front door as long as they also obtain what's known as a transporter-for-hire license.

The Express-Times, of Easton, reported that 19 license holders statewide have so far requested permission to begin home delivery of beer.

Mike Gilbert, the bar manager at the 50 Yard Line Sports Bar at Pizze Como in Bethlehem, said customers have been asking for home delivery for years.

From wire reports

ENTERTAINMENT

The further adventures of Agent Carter

By GINA MCINTYRE
Los Angeles Times

Gracefully poised on a grand staircase inside historic Greystone Mansion in Beverly Hills, Calif., seamed stockings just so, Hayley Atwell radiated old Hollywood glamour as she waited for the cameras to roll.

The star of ABC's new limited series "Marvel's Agent Carter" rested one hand on a carved wooden balustrade as makeup artists retouched her red lips, then at the director's cue launched into a Tracy Hepburn-style routine with actor James D'Arcy, the duo dissecting the details of a recent break-in at the home of billionaire inventor Howard Stark.

Set in 1946, "Marvel's Agent Carter" arrives as the latest small-screen venture from comic book entertainment powerhouse Marvel and sees Atwell reprise her role as supremely capable spy Peggy Carter from both "Captain America" films.

The eight-episode series, which airs Wednesdays on AFN-Spectrum, features a number of key characters from Marvel lore, but with its espionage trappings and deft blend of adventure, comedy and intrigue, "Carter" is more than just a superhero riff dressed up in pin curls and pinstripes.

"Maybe we're going to capture the 'Downton Abbey' audience, bring them into the Marvel fold," D'Arcy noted between takes.

For Marvel, the coming year will see a major push into television with not only "Marvel's Agent Carter" joining "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." on ABC but also two new 13-episode series debuting on Netflix, "Daredevil," starring Charlie Cox as the blind superhero, and "A.K.A. Jessica Jones," with Krysten Ritter as a private investigator in New York City.

"Marvel's Agent Carter," however, is unique in terms of its overt connections to both the company's movies and its 1940s setting. The show is set one year after the events depicted in "Captain America: The First Avenger," with Peggy grieving for Steve Rogers, who is purported to have died in a plane crash in the Arctic. "Peggy thinks he's dead, everyone in the world thinks he's dead," said Marvel's head of television, Jeph Loeb. "These are the struggles and the triumphs, what happened to her next."

A new job

When the new series opens, Peggy is now working for the Strategic Scientific Reserve, where despite her impressive record of wartime service, she is relegated on the basis of her gender to glorified secretarial duties. After some of Stark's more dangerous inventions turn up on the black market, she independently sets out to clear his name with the help of his man Friday, Edwin Jarvis (D'Arcy).

"I knew that they were going to be able to give her an emotional journey, make her more three dimensional, talk about the psychological cost of leading a double life as well as losing the love of your life," said Atwell, 32. "There was a lot to explore with her, so creatively speaking, it was interesting. It was enough for me to grab hold of."

The idea grew out of a short about the character directed by Marvel Studios Co-President Louis D'Esposito that was included as a bonus feature on the DVD and Blu-ray release of "Iron Man 3" in 2013. "Marvel One-Shot: Agent Carter" tracked Peggy as she set out on a solo covert mission. "One-Shot" was produced largely as an epilogue to provide closure for the character, but its popularity — and Atwell's continued interest in the role — led to more ambitious

Atwell brings 'Captain America' role to small screen



plans, which conveniently dovetailed with Marvel's existing network show.

"Peggy Carter is unique because as a character she was really there at the beginning of the Marvel cinematic universe," Loeb said. "She was there at the birth of Captain America and then goes on and becomes, by being the head of S.H.I.E.L.D., she is also the first agent of S.H.I.E.L.D."

Show runners Michele Fazekas and Tara Butters ("Resurrection," "Reaper") and Chris Dingess ("Being Human," "Chaos") said "Agent Carter" would touch on aspects of its ABC predecessor, now in its second season. But for the new series, the trio is pulling from a variety of outside influences too. "One minute we're talking 'Raiders [of the Lost Ark]', the next we're talking about 'L.A. Confidential' or a James Ellroy novel. It's a really good match that Marvel lends itself to," Dingess said.

Back to the '40s

Atwell anchors a cast that includes Dominic Cooper as Howard Stark (father of Tony "Iron Man" Stark), D'Arcy as butler Jarvis, with Shea Whigham as SSR chief Roger Dooley, Chad Michael Murray as agent Jack Thompson and Enver Gjokaj as agent Daniel Sousa.

On the set of the show's third episode, Murray and Gjokaj looked sharp in fedoras, neckties and sweater vests as vintage Plymouths and Rolls-Royces parked on the secluded property gleamed in the November sun. The duo was preparing for an interrogation — one that could spell trouble for agent Carter by revealing a key alliance.

Gjokaj confessed that Sousa carries a torch for Peggy Carter. Not that Peggy will necessarily have much time for romance, given everything else she's juggling — though should the show prove a breakout hit, the busy agent could return for further adventures. As the cameras relocated to capture the afternoon's scene from another angle, Atwell stepped outside for a brief respite and reflected on the contemporary resonance of Peggy's struggles.

"In terms of her actual personal journey, it's something that's very modern," the English actress said. "In many ways, she could be considered a woman before her time. There happens to be no one else in the series yet that is like her, that has caught up to her abilities that's a woman. She's having to pave the way."

"These are the struggles and the triumphs, what happened to her next."

"Marvel's Agent Carter" series features character Peggy Carter (Hayley Atwell), reprising her role from the film series, and James D'Arcy as Edwin Jarvis on location at the Greystone Mansion in Beverly Hills, Calif. Carter must balance doing administrative work and going on secret missions for Howard Stark while trying to navigate life as a single woman in 1940s.

KIRK MCKOY, LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

LIFESTYLE



Gateway Elementary School fifth-grader DeMarco Jones, left, helps classmate DeAndre Garrett get his tie adjusted properly at the start of the school day in St. Louis, Mo. The students have to earn the privilege of wearing ties by displaying integrity and doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

PHOTOS BY DAVID CARSON, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/TNS

Teaching integrity

Students vie to wear ties in class

By ELISA CROUCH
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

There's a ritual to the morning in Jim Triplett's fifth-grade classroom — a class of all boys at Gateway Elementary School.

The fifth-graders greet their teacher and shake his hand. They sharpen their pencils. And then they put on their ties.

Striped ties. Bow ties. Paisley ones. Multicolored. A few in solid red.

Not all of the fifth-graders have earned the right to wear one, but those who have go about the task of putting them on immediately.

"You have to earn it," Clarence Boykins said, sticking his chest out as he adjusted a solid red tie around the collar of his white polo shirt. "People know you have a certain amount of integrity to wear one." He adjusted the two ends to make sure the wide end was lower. Then came the twist from behind. "This is how you make a double Windsor knot," he said, demonstrating.

Ties symbolize success in Triplett's classroom, on the second floor of Gateway Elementary, a magnet school of mostly African-American students northwest of downtown St. Louis, Mo.

The word "integrity" is said often here. It's defined on a waist-high sheet of paper in the front of the room as, "Doing the right thing, even if it's hard to do, and when no one's looking."

'When I put it on, it makes me feel like I am a gentleman, a leader and a scholar.'

Joseph Melero
Gateway Elementary School student

door. They cheer when another classmate successfully does a math problem on the interactive white board in the front of the room.

And they help each other put on neckties. Even when tied properly, Ahmad Muhammad's black-and-beige tie hangs below

his waist. After all, it's a "real" tie and not a little boy's clip-on.
When asked who typically wears neckties, Ahmad listed them without hesitation: "teachers, doctors, businesses, the president."
"Many people wear ties to work so they can do a good job," he said, sitting at his desk.
This is also the case in Triplett's classroom. Neckties have become a motivator to learn and to do well on tests. Scoring 80 percent or higher on an end-of-unit test earns the right to wear a regular tie — the ones that come in all patterns, widths and colors.
The solid red neckties are a different class. These require points — 100 of them. Points can be earned or lost daily depending if a student is in uniform, on time, or participating.
Devin Davis had 96 points. He's almost there, he said smiling. "Tomorrow I think I'll get it," he said. "I want them to see I have integrity."
Triplett has had nearly all of these children since they were in third grade, shortly after Gateway Elementary began experimenting with single-gender classrooms. The school has also begun "looping" a few



teachers — keeping them with the same students for several years.

Triplett knows his fifth-graders well. He knows they thrive on competition. The ties have created a pecking order through a meritocracy that any of them can join, if only they work hard and make the right choices.

Triplett hopes the lessons stay with them. He came by teaching as a second career, earning a bachelor's degree in education and then becoming a Teach For America corps member. He remembers growing up in St. Louis, navigating the public school system as an African-American. He went to Clark Elementary, a city school that is now closed, and then went to middle and high school in University City.

"I know what kind of things they're going to be dealing with," Triplett said.

It's why he asked fraternity brothers, friends and coworkers in the school district to donate neckties. They sit folded on the students' desks, waiting for the fifth-graders to come in each morning.

Joseph Melero has the most points in the class. He earned the right to wear the red integrity tie several weeks ago. "When I put it on it makes me feel like I am a gentleman, a leader and a scholar," he said.

The 10-year-old doesn't have to wear it, but he does.

MUSIC

Looking for new music? Let's take a look at last year.

Here's a list of top-notch albums you might have overlooked in 2014, from rising R&B singer and reality TV star K. Michelle to Dan Wilson, the multit talented singer who co-wrote contemporary classics such as Adele's "Someone Like You" and the Dixie Chicks' "Not Ready to Make Nice."

— The Associated Press

Dan Wilson

Love Without Fear (Ballroom Music LLC)

Creating pop tunes is like making candy — overuse the sugar and you ruin the whole batch.

Dan Wilson doesn't do that. He mixes sweet melodies with aching emotion in appealing portions, and the 11 songs on "Love Without Fear" are so irresistible you can't listen to just one.

It helps that Wilson tends to keep things simple. The title cut shows how a two-note guitar figure can serve as the sturdy foundation to a great song.

The album digs deep into matters of the heart, exploring true love and the false kind as well. "The fingertips that caress can also bruise," he sings. Natalie Maines, Sara Ballew and Sara Watkins sing bracing harmony, and Wilson does fine on his own, choosing just the right moment to unleash his formidable falsetto.

The climax comes on the finale, "Even the Stars Are Sleeping," which swells to achieve a symphonic grandeur and pins the romantic needle. Feel free to pig out on these goodies.

— Steven Wine



Sturgill Simpson

Courtesy of Sacks and Co.

Sturgill Simpson

Metamodern Sounds in Country Music (High Top Mountain Records)

Call it whatever you want — acid-drenched old-school country, traditionalist psychedelia or modern Americana roots rock — Sturgill Simpson's sophomore effort, "Metamodern Sounds in Country Music," begs to be heard.

Simpson channels Waylon Jennings, throws in some trippy-sounding guitar and studio effects, and sings earnestly about drugs, religion, love and longing.

He cuts through the clutter of what passes as country music nowadays to deliver the goods.

Gazing laconically off to the side on the cover, Simpson looks like someone who just returned from the Civil War or who's had enough of riding the rails in the Depression. The vintage-appearing picture is placed in the middle of an image of outer space. It's a perfect encapsulation for the duality of the music within.

When Simpson wails on "It Ain't All Flowers" about dancing with demons all his life, you can feel it. He means it. And because he does, you can relate, even if you've never been on the wrong side of the tracks.

Sturgill Simpson is as real as they come.

— Scott Bauer

Willie Nile

If I Was a River (River House Records)

Live-wire Willie Nile, co-producing with Grammy winner Stewart Lerman, turns poignantly introspective in his first piano-based album.

The raging rocker, now brimming with an exquisitely tender tone, lush melodies and imagery, offers a musical embrace for anyone who's navigated the emotional currents of relationships.

As in life itself, the mood of this heartfelt work is a mixture of passion, darkness, hope and humor.

The title track and its aquatic companion, "Let Me Be the River," are comforting beacons — the latter for a loved one setting off on life's journey.

In the haunting "Lost," raw and rolling minor-key arpeggios spawn a seductive undertow amid the agony of separation.

Nile circles back to his socially conscious roots in the stirring and steadfast "Gloryland" — some lyrics almost whispered.

— Kiley Armstrong

Chuck Prophet

Night Surfer (Yep Rock)

Chuck Prophet's sing-speak swagger separates him from the pack. He sounds world-weary but wise and willing to let us all in on the joke.

"My life is an experiment that doesn't prove a thing," Prophet sings.

Yes, the outlook on "Night Surfer" is a bit bleak; Prophet mentions sirens on more than one tune. But he has never sung better, and the songs are stronger, too. Prophet name-drops Henry Rollins, quotes Al Green, rocks out and seems throughout to be trying to cheer himself up about life in these times.

"So much of it's terrible," he observes, "but all of it's great."

The arrangements include horns, a banjo and even pizzicato strings, which keep the mood from getting too sour. Toward the end, Prophet is singing about rainbows in the gutter.

— Steven Wine

OVERLOOKED

albums of 2014

K. Michelle

Anybody Wanna Buy a Heart? (Atlantic)

The reality star-prefix to any singer's name can cause an eye-roll when that person begins to release music. Do you remember the traumatizing Kim Kardashian song and music video?

But K. Michelle — star of reality TV shows on VH1 — proves that becoming famous on TV doesn't mean you can't sing. Because she can, and her new album drives home the point.

"Anybody Wanna Buy a Heart?" is one of 2014's best R&B albums, thanks to Michelle's voice, which echoes Keyshia Cole and Mary J. Blige. Her strong vocals are the focal point as she spits matter-of-fact lyrics about love lapses and relationships on the outstanding 12-track set.

"Judge Me" kicks off the album in the right form. "Love 'Em All" and "Going Under" are catchy and addictive, and the piano-tinged "How Do You Know?" is a winning pop ballad.

She's stern on "Cry," with lyrics like, "You gon' cry, 'cause it's not about love, it's all about revenge." And she's both clever and hilarious on "Drake Would Love Me," an ode to the multiplatinum rapper-singer.

The best song, though, is "Maybe I Should Call," a detailed track about her past relationship with British actor Idris Elba. She may have lost in the love category (for now), but she's a winner in the music one.

— Mesfin Fekadu



BOOKS

Notable trends we'll be seeing in year ahead

BY TOM BEER
Newsday

As we close the book on 2014, it's time to look ahead to the books that 2015 will bring. Here are some new books, and five trends, we see on the horizon.

Boldface names

A new book by Toni Morrison is always an event, so the literati marked their calendars this fall when it was announced that the Nobel Prize-winning author would bring out "God Help the Child" (Knopf, April 21), a novel about childhood trauma and how it ripples into adulthood. Actor David Duchovny, best known to fans of "The X-Files" and "Californication," will attempt to prove his literary bona fides with "Holy Cow" (FSG, Feb. 3), a barnyard epic that just might give Orwell a run for his money. Nick Hornby, beloved by fans of "High Fidelity" and "About a Boy" returns with "Funny Girl" (Riverhead, Feb. 3), the story of a television comedian in London during the Swinging '60s. Readers who grew up with Judy Blume ("Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret") will rejoice to

hear that she has written a novel for adults, "In the Unlikely Event" (Knopf, June 2).

Exploring North Korea

"A Kim Jong-Il Production: The Extraordinary True Story of a Kidnapped Film maker, His Star Actress, and a Young Dictator's Rise to Power" by Paul Fischer (Platirone, Feb. 3) looks at the late North Korean leader's early stint in the Ministry of Propaganda and a stranger-than-fiction plot to kidnap a South Korean actress and director. Then, Blaine Harden revisits the ascent of Kim Il Sung and a high-profile 1953 defection in "The Great Leader and the Fighter Pilot: The True Story of the Tyrant Who Created North Korea and the Young Lieutenant Who Stole His Way to Freedom" (Viking, March 17).

A Lincoln anniversary

Every year sees a new crop of books about our 16th president, a source of endless fascination for American readers. But 2015 is the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War and the assassination, so prepare for even more North Carolinians than usual. Scholar Harold Holzer brings us

"President Lincoln Assassinated!: The Firsthand Story of the Murder, Manhunt, Trial, and Mourning" (Library of America, Feb. 24), a compilation of newspaper accounts, letters, testimony and eulogies (including a diary entry by assassin John Wilkes Booth). Martha Hodes analyzes the unprecedented national outpouring of grief in "Mourning Lincoln" (Yale University Press, Feb. 24). And in "Lincoln's Body: A Cultural History" (Norton, Feb. 9), Richard Wightman Fox examines how we view the president's ungainly physical presence in life and in death.

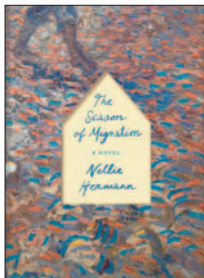
'Literary' fiction

In the wake of Paula McClain's "The Paris Wife," about Hemingway's first wife, and Therese Anne Fowler's "Z," about Zelda Fitzgerald, fiction about authors and their families is all the rage. First out of the gate is Priya Parmar's "Vanessa and Her Sister" (Ballantine, out now), about the siblings who grew up to be the center of the Bloomsbury Group; Vanessa's sister, of course, would become Virginia Woolf, author of "Mrs. Dalloway" and other masterpieces of modernism. Then, Stewart O'Nan

shines a light on F. Scott Fitzgerald's dark final years in Hollywood in "West of Sunset" (Viking, Jan. 13). Fitzgerald's friends Gerald and Sara Murphy — the inspiration for Dick and Nicole Diver in "Tender Is the Night" — get novelized in "Villa America" (Little, Brown; July 14), in which Liza Klausmann imagines the couple's torrid life on the French Riviera in the 1920s.

Internet backlash

The digital honeymoon is over. In the spirit of Nicholas Carr's "The Shallows" and Jaron Lanier's "You Are Not a Gadget," comes a new wave of books questioning what the mad rush of online innovations have done to us as individuals and as a society. British neuroscientist Susan Greenfield looks at the impact on the human brain (hint: it ain't good) in "Mind Change: How Digital Technologies Are Leaving Their Mark on Our Brains" (Random House, Feb. 10), while "The Internet Is Not the Answer" by Silicon Valley alum Andrew Keen (Atlantic Monthly Press, Jan. 6) acknowledges the many advantages of the Web for consumers but questions the value for citizens.



The Season of Migration
Nellie Hermann

Vincent van Gogh did not go to the coal-mining region of Belgium known as the Borinage to paint the region, but to save souls. Before he was an artist, he was a minister, sent to bring comfort to the poor, hungry and desperate families who slaved in mines to warm the rest of Europe. His experiences destroyed his faith and led to the "Lust for Life" famously described in Irving Stone's 1934 novel and later the Academy Award-winning film of the same name.

Novelist Nellie Hermann doesn't replicate the work of Stone and other biographers, but attempts to add to our understanding of Van Gogh with an imagining of a 10-month "silent period" in which he broke off communication with his younger brother, Theo, to whom Van Gogh wrote hundreds of letters during his lifetime. Hermann describes the silence that lasted from August 1879 to June 1880 as one born of heartbreak and frustration as Van Gogh's faith fails in the wake of a mining disaster and he comes to see his call to ministry as a mistake.

—M.L. Johnson/AP



A Pleasure and a Calling
Phil Hogan

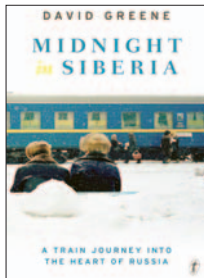
William Heming is the proverbial quiet man, nondescript, keeping to himself, mastering "the skill of being likable, but not memorable." Yet Heming seethes with self-righteous contempt for others and a propensity for vengeance and violence that erupts when he feels threatened, or just irritated.

His employees and clients believe the seemingly unobtrusive Heming leads a boring life, but nothing could be further from the truth. Starting as a quiet tale about an odd man, "A Pleasure and a Calling" wastes little time expanding to a clever psychological thriller about a man full of menace.

Heming's fixation on Douglas Sharp following a minor insult swells to an obsession on Abigail Rice, the young woman with whom the married Douglas has had an affair. "Simmering with desire and hatred," it's time, Heming believes, to permanently remove Douglas so that he and Abigail can be together.

Hogan avoids clichés as he delivers one surprise after another. His complex character is both a villain and a hero.

—Oline H. Cogdill/AP



Midnight in Siberia
David Greene

As the West nervously watches a newly aggressive Russia, many commentators are trying to figure out what Vladimir Putin is thinking. But "Midnight in Siberia" reminds us of another important question: What are the Russian people thinking?

David Greene took a 6,000-mile train journey from Moscow to Vladivostok to find out and the result is a mesmerizing, confounding, comforting and thought-provoking book. Greene, NPR's former Moscow bureau chief, takes readers inside Russians' homes and lives, and he finds humor, despair, idealism and perseverance in abundance.

Despite all of Russia's problems, Greene writes that the young people he met "love their country, love Russian traditions, and don't seem rushed to sort out the future." Many are frustrated with bureaucracy and corruption, but they are not clamoring for democracy even if they admire some things about Europe and America. That might not be the message some hope to hear, but it might be good to know as the West searches for ways to coexist with Russia.

—Kevin Begos/AP



Die Again
Tess Gerritsen

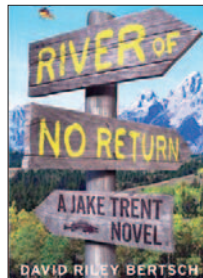
Gerritsen delivers another outstanding thriller in her continuing series featuring Boston police Detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Dr. Maura Isles.

The murder of a big game hunter spurs the duo into action. The victim was bound and hung upside down like a hunter stringing up his prey after a successful kill. His body was also cut open in a style reminiscent of being trimmed for meat consumption. The autopsy reveals the cause of death was likely a leopard attack, which has Isles questioning her skills as a medical examiner.

When another victim is discovered buried with several similarities to the first crime scene, Isles has a difficult time convincing Rizzoli of the connection that she believes exists between the two cases. To uncover the truth, she must go behind her friend's back and hope she's proven right.

Fans familiar with Rizzoli and Isles through the TNT television show will find the surroundings a bit different, but the characters and intrigue still rock solid. Newcomers to the franchise will discover a terrific mystery.

—Jeff Ayers/AP



River of No Return
David Riley Bertsch

Vivid scenery and a likable protagonist mark the second book in this series.

Jake Trent, a former Department of Justice operative with a violent past that has left him emotionally scarred, must deal with a vixen who tries to lure him from Wyoming back to Washington, with the kidnapping of his friend's girlfriend and with a nefarious population-control plot.

The cast of characters also includes a couple of no-good rednecks, an evil U.S. senator, a Chinese megalomaniac and an assortment of locals from Jackson Hole, Wyo.

"River of No Return" is a breezy read with locales shifting from Jackson Hole to China, Washington and Idaho, but it suffers from plot twists that at times seem thin and stretch plausibility. Some scenes are shoehorned in. One that doesn't propel the plot forward involves fishing for steelhead. But of course how could one not have a fishing scene in a novel whose protagonist is a fishing guide? And its extraneousness is redeemed by bright writing.

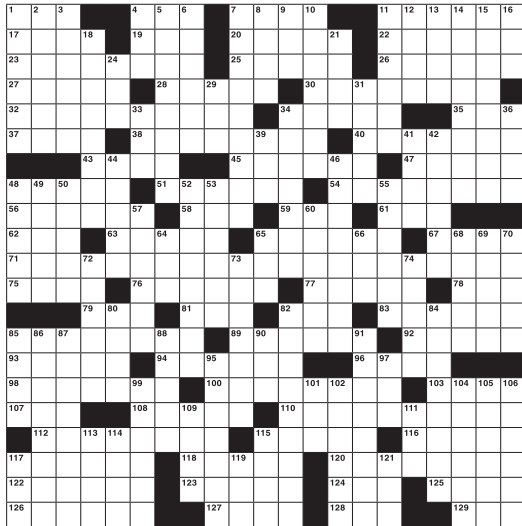
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- 100 What may eat you out of house and home?
- 103 Hon
- 107 37-Across, informally
- 108 Some police attire
- 110 Academy Award winner who has played both a U.S. president and God
- 112 Cover subject on Ms. magazine's debut issue, 1972
- 115 Easily bribed
- 116 City burned in Genesis
- 117 ___ algebra
- 118 Scope
- 120 1990s craze
- 122 Eats up
- 123 Kitchen gadget
- 124 Free ad. for short
- 125 Water carrier
- 126 See 52-Down
- 127 Like stereotypical TV neighbors
- 128 Application info. Abbr.
- 129 Spanish article
- DOWN**
- 1 Pioneering urbanologist Jane
- 2 Inability to recall the names of everyday objects
- 3 To wit
- 4 Entertainment
- 5 Elicit
- 6 "Delaware Water Gap" painter George
- 7 Long period of stability ending circa A.D. 180
- 8 Part of Lawrence Welk's introduction
- 9 Enthusiastic, confident type, it's said
- 10 Norma Jean, later
- 11 Kitchen gadget
- 12 Certain weanling
- 13 One of a Greek trio
- 14 100% guaranteed
- 15 "Kinderszenen" composer
- 16 Exclamation repeated in the Monkees' TV theme song
- 18 Is a mixologist
- 21 Drug also known as Ecstasy
- 24 Big Ten rival of UMich
- 29 College sr.'s test
- 31 Award for Hunt and Peck
- 33 Shooters' org.
- 34 Its drafts may be crafts
- 36 Bothers
- 39 Fourth word in the "Star Wars" prologue
- 41 Kind of blue
- 42 One holding hands?
- 44 "Un Ballo in Maschera" aria
- 46 Hesitant start to a question
- 48 - end
- 49 "Ooh-la-la!"
- 50 Cold treat, informally
- 52 With 126-Across, first European to cross the Mississippi
- 53 Thrills
- 55 Website billed as "the front page of the Internet"
- 57 Clinches
- 60 Repeat for a late riser
- 64 Singer Carly ___
- 65 ___ favor
- 66 Good wood for cabinetmaking
- 68 Where bombs are bursting, per Francis Scott Key
- 69 "Au contraire!"
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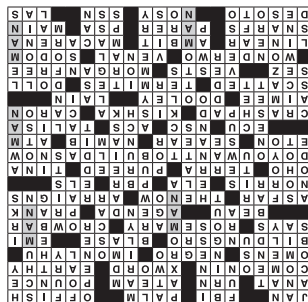
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GADGETS & CHARTS

The wackiest new devices at CES 2015

HAYLEY TSUKAYAMA
The Washington Post

Smart home products, home security systems and plenty of gadgets to help improve your health were on display as International CES, the world's largest consumer electronics show, kicked off its annual event this week in Las Vegas.

While the overall mix of products was a bit more serious than in years past, there were still some really out-there gadgets on display. Here are some of the wackiest products on tap:

The Melomind

Stressed out? The Melomind, from a company called MyBrain, is here to help you relax. The headband measures your brain waves in the same way a standard electroencephalogram (EEG) does and then uses that information to create custom music to help you relax and decrease your stress levels. The product pairs with an app on your smartphone or tablet to play the songs — the Melomind itself does not have headphones or speakers.

For best results, the company said, Melomind should be used in regular sessions — three to five minutes a few times a week, though 15-minute sessions are ideal. It wasn't possible to get the full effect of the Melomind's soothing powers on the show floor, unfortunately, though the unit was fairly comfortable. The headband is up for preorder for \$299.

The Ring

The Ring is a finger-worn controller for your smartphone and other connected devices that will make you feel like a wizard. Made by a Japanese company called Logbar, this somewhat bulky piece of functional jewelry is designed to be worn on the index finger and lets users draw gestures in the air to do things such as start the music playing on their phone, take a smartphone picture or even turn the lights on and off. To use Ring, wearers have to hit a button on the side of the ring before making the gesture; the ring then communicates with the smartphone.



The Ring — a wearable control device by Logbar Inc. — made a splash at this week's International CES, the consumer electronics show in Las Vegas.



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An attendee uses the 3DRudder motion controller to navigate a virtual world at the 2015 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

via Bluetooth.

The temptation to crack a "Lord of the Rings" joke is almost overwhelming, and the idea of a small universal remote that you can wear is an interesting one. But hold your horses: Ring is due to come out in March with a hefty price tag of \$270. And, if you want one, you'll have to be patient. The device is already sold out, according to a representative from Logbar.

The 3DRudder

Developed by architects looking for a way to show three-dimensional space, the 3DRudder is a virtual-reality controller that you work with your feet. The motion controller, which can be used for gaming and other virtual-reality applications, lets you navigate through a 3-D map by tilting and rotating your feet. You can also zoom in and out by putting pressure on the toe of one foot and the heel of the other.

The experience is a little dizzying at first — the controls on the demo unit at CES were very sensitive, making it all too easy to go into a tailspin.

But once I got the hang of it, the controller was surprisingly intuitive.

The 3DRudder is the indiego project and is going for an early price of \$110.

The standard unit will be \$130. It is set to ship in May.

The Axxess CE Air2

Apart from fascinating your friends (and likely infuriating your pets), this compact levitating Bluetooth speaker also can attach to your fridge if you'd prefer to have it off the base. The company promises five hours of battery life and a transmission distance of 10 meters. The company didn't list the price alongside its demo.

It's probably safe to say this is more of a novelty piece than a must-have. But it looks pretty cool.

GADGET WATCH

Slick smartwatch also a phone

By GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Services

The Burg 12 smartwatch/phone conjures up memories of Dick Tracy days. Wearing it will make you feel like the coolest person around. Reaching for your phone to answer a call is so last year!

Created by Herman van den Burg, world-renowned lifestyle designer to Ikea and Target, it features a 1.5-inch (240 x 240 resolution) touchscreen display.

In addition to time and calls, the smartwatch/phone has an amazing

list of features including audio recording, messaging (SMS and MMS), multimedia, Bluetooth (3.0) and a built-in camera.

There's also a microSD storage slot, and you can upgrade the included 4GB card up to 16GB. The touchscreen is scratch- and splash-resistant and is used to access the calendar, contact list and calculator.

The phone needs a SIM card, which is simple to install by taking off the back plate. One comes with the watch to get you going with \$25 worth of prepaid talk and text.

It's generally pretty easy to operate. You do have to get familiar with what button does what, so that means you'll have to do one of the things I hate most: read the directions. But fortunately it's a quick starter guide and takes only a few minutes.

The camera is limited, but it's there in case of emergency or something like that. It has a 1.3 megapixel sensor and a 3X zoom.

There's also a very handy stylus built into the wristband. It slides out and extends to a 1.75-inch length. It's big enough to access anything on the display.

The watch is powered by an internal 450mAh rechargeable lithium-ion battery, which charges in 1-3 hours with the included USB cable.

Online: burgsmartwatch.com; \$199 with a black or purple strap

Sennheisers Momentum In-ear earbuds are a great addition to the company's line of great-sounding and well-built products. The sound is crystal clear and pumps a good amount of bass into your ears.

The cable has an in-line microphone with volume and changing music selection controls and a right-angle 3.5mm connection.

The Momentum In-ear headphones are constructed of high-quality stainless steel to help produce the powerful sound.

A carrying case and four sets of eardrum sizes (XS, S, M, and L) are included to get the proper fit.

Online: en-us.sennheiser.com; \$99.95

The IZZI Remix is easily the most advanced accessory for iPhoneographers and is now available for the iPhone 6.

On the back of the metal case is an innovative rotating 5-in-one lens system.

The lens options are: a 170-degree fisheye; a circular polarizing lens; a 2X zoom; an ultra-wide angle; and a 13x macro.

While a smartphone (or watch) camera cannot approach the image quality of most standard cameras, the lens system does an amazing job of complementing the smartphone's camera.

Each lens has a different function, and the rotating system allows you to switch lenses in less than a second. It rotates in both clockwise and counter-clockwise directions.

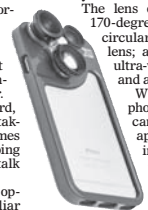
The case is made of aircraft-grade aluminum and allows you access to all of the iPhone 6 ports and controls.

Since the lens system is mounted on the back and extends out about a half-inch, you won't be able to carry it in your back pocket, but the benefits of the lens system far outweigh that.

Online: izzigadgets.com; \$129.99, available in black, red, blue, purple and silver



TNS photos



ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 albums on the iTunes store for Jan. 7:

1. "1989," Taylor Swift
2. "Guardians of the Galaxy: Awesome Mix, Vol. 1 (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)," Various Artists
3. "2014 Forest Hills Drive," J. Cole
4. "In the Lonely Hour," Sam Smith
5. "The Pinkprint," Nicki Minaj
6. "x," Ed Sheeran
7. "Into the Woods: Awesome Mix, Vol. 1 (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)," Various Artists
8. "The Young OG Project," Fabolous
9. "Frozen," Various Artists
10. "Ammie (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)," Various Artists

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SPOTIFY MUSIC

The most streamed tracks on Spotify from Dec. 29 to Jan. 5:

1. "Uptown Funk," Mark Ronson
2. "Take Me To Church," Hozier
3. "Thinking Out Loud," Ed Sheeran
4. "I'm Not the Only One," Sam Smith
5. "I Don't F--- With You," Big Sean
6. "Lips Are Movin'," Meghan Trainor
7. "Love Me Harder," Ariana Grande
8. "Jealousy," Nick Jonas
9. "Only," Nicki Minaj
10. "7/11," Beyonce

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ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for Jan. 7:

1. "The Interview"
2. "The Equalizer"
3. "Fury"
4. "Gone Girl"
5. "Fed Up"
6. "Guardians of the Galaxy"
7. "This Is Where I Leave You"
8. "The Maze Runner"
9. "Expelled"
10. "Neighbors"

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VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer's Top 10 for January:

1. "Dragon Age: Inquisition," PS4, Xbox One, PS3, 360, PC
2. "Grand Theft Auto V," PS4, Xbox One
3. "Super Smash Bros.," Wii U, 3DS
4. "World of Warcraft: Warlords of Draenor," PC
5. "Hearthstone: Gods vs. Gnomes," PC, iOS
6. "The Talos Principle," PC
7. "Far Cry 4," PS4, Xbox One, PS3, 360, PC
8. "Pokémon Alpha Sapphire/Omega Ruby," 3DS
9. "Persona Q: Shadow of the Labyrinth," 3DS
10. "This War of Mine," PC

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APPS

Top 5 new free apps for Jan. 7:

ANDROID

1. Dumb Ways to Die 2: The Games
2. Looney Tunes Dash!
3. Amazon Shopping
4. Clash of Majas
5. Candy Frenzy 2

Top 5 free apps for Jan. 7:

APPLE

1. Trivia Crack, Etermax
2. Facebook Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
3. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
4. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
5. YouTube, Google, Inc.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Stocks slide on falling wages, oil slump

By ALEX VEIGA
The Associated Press

A turbulent week of trading ended Friday with U.S. stocks finishing lower for the third time in five days.

The decline followed two days of big gains and nudged major indices lower for the year.

A slide in oil prices deepened, stoking concerns about global economic growth. Energy stocks tumbled, extending their losses for the year.

Investors also were discouraged by a report showing that average U.S. hourly pay declined in December, despite another strong increase in hiring.

"We finally got the jobs growing," said Erik Davidson, chief investment officer of Wells Fargo Private Bank. "Now people are looking through that at the actual wage growth numbers and they want to see improvement on wages, which obviously would spur demand and consumer confidence."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index shed 17.33 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,044.81. The index is now down 0.7 percent for the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average slid 170.50 points, or about 1 percent, to 17,337.37.

The Nasdaq composite lost 32.12 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,704.07.

After a long period of relative calm, stock markets have become more volatile as investors grapple

with slowing global growth and slumping oil prices.

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The government reported that employers added 252,000 jobs in December, slightly more than economists expected. The government also noted that more jobs were added in October and November than it had previously estimated. Still, average hourly pay slipped 5 cents in December, and the unemployment rate fell to 5.6 percent from 5.8 percent in part because many of the jobsless gave up looking for work and were no longer counted as unemployed.

MARKET WATCH	
Jan. 9, 2015	
Dow Jones Industrials	-170.50
	17,337.37
Nasdaq composite	-32.12
	4,704.07
Standard & Poor's 500	-17.33
	2,044.81
Russell 2000	-10.44
	1,185.68

EXCHANGE RATES	
Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 12)	\$1.2102
Dollar buys (Jan. 12)	€0.8263
British pound (Jan. 12)	\$1.55
Japanese yen (Jan. 12)	¥117.00
South Korean won (Jan. 12)	₩1,066.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.5166
Canada (Dollar)	1.1861
China (Yuan)	6.2088
Denmark (Krone)	6.2844
Egypt (Pound)	7.1531
Euro	\$1.1843/0.8444
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7532
Hungary (Forint)	267.64
Israel (Sheqel)	3.9391
Japan (Yen)	118.58
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2937
Norway (Krone)	7.6603
Philippines (Peso)	44.88
Poland (Zloty)	3.261
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7544
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3329
South Korea (Won)	1,086.23
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0141
Thailand (Baht)	52.83
Turkey (Lira)	2.2959
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., non-United Kingdom pounds in Germany, which with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	
INTEREST RATES	
Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.12
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	2.93

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Sunday's US temperatures											
City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	55	32	Pdly	Chatanooga	45	22	Cldy	Fort Wayne	28	10	Snow
Akron, Ohio	29	7	Cldy	Cheyenne	40	22	Cldy	Fresno	61	46	Pdly
Albany, N.Y.	25	5	Cldy	Chicago	29	13	Cldy	Goodland	30	15	Cldy
Albuquerque	51	34	Cldy	Cincinnati	34	15	Cldy	Grand Junction	39	23	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	31	9	Cldy	Cleveland	27	08	Cldy	Grand Rapids	28	14	Cldy
Amarillo	44	26	Pdly	Colorado Springs	47	24	Cldy	Great Falls	20	11	Snow
Anchorage	32	26	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	44	22	Cldy	Green Bay, N.C.	42	18	Pdly
Asheville	42	18	Cldy	Columbia, Mo.	46	31	Cldy	Harrisburg	31	08	Cldy
Atlanta	40	27	Pdly	Concord, N.H.	25	3	Cldy	Helena	26	19	Snow
Atlantic City	37	13	Pdly	Corpus Christi	54	39	Cldy	Honolulu	81	66	Pdly
Austin	47	33	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	44	34	Rain	Houston	52	37	Rain
Baltimore	37	11	Pdly	Dayton	29	10	Cldy	Huntsville	45	25	Cldy
Baton Rouge	55	37	Cldy	Daytona Beach	77	58	Cldy	Indianapolis	32	13	Snow
Bilings	20	15	Snow	Denver	43	25	Cldy	Jacksonville	49	31	Cldy
Birmingham	45	28	Cldy	Des Moines	25	13	Pdly	Jacksonville	67	46	Cldy
Bismarck	38	29	Cldy	Detroit	27	7	Cldy	Janeau	38	28	Cldy
Boise	48	28	Cldy	El Paso	56	33	Pdly	Kansas City	32	21	Cldy
Boston	29	13	Cldy	Elkins	41	11	Cldy	Key West	71	51	Cldy
Bridgeport	45	29	Cldy	Erie	28	10	Cldy	Knoxville	47	18	Cldy
Brownsville	54	36	Cldy	Evansville	50	42	Cldy	Lake Charles	55	35	Rain
Buffalo	30	12	Cldy	Fairbanks	24	16	Cldy	Lansing	26	12	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	15	-5	Cldy	Fargo	6	-11	Cldy	Las Vegas	59	46	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	34	21	Cldy	Flagstaff	43	26	Cldy	Lexington	39	14	Cldy
Charleston, S.C.	55	31	Cldy	Flint	27	08	Cldy	Lincoln	25	11	Cldy
Charlotte, W.Va.	45	12	Cldy	Fort Smith	37	28	Cldy	Little Rock	35	21	Cldy
Charlotte, N.C.	43	20	Cldy					Los Angeles	66	54	Cldy

National temperature extremes
Hi: Fr., 82, Yuma, Ariz.
Lo: Fr., 25, Jordan, Mont.

SPORTS BRIEFS/NBA

Briefly

Austria's Hirscher wins giant slalom; Ligety 7th

The Associated Press

ADELBODEN, Switzerland — Overall World Cup leader Marcel Hirscher of Austria swept to victory in a giant slalom on Saturday, denying Alexis Pinturaud an emotional win for France.

Hirscher extended his morning lead to finish in a combined two-run time of 2 minutes, 39.11 seconds, beating Pinturaud by 1.13.

Pinturaud was among several French racers who wore "Je Suis Charlie" messages on their helmets, showing support for their home country after a traumatic week of terrorist incidents.

After crossing the finish line as provisional leader, Pinturaud pointed to the slogan. Standing on the podium in the post-race ceremony, he held up a "Je Skie Charlie" message.

"For me it was important to show my solidarity," the 23-year-old Olympic bronze medalist said. "It's a little bit complicated to understand everything, but this could happen in Switzerland one day. You never know when this attack will happen."

Henrik Kristoffersen of Norway finished third, trailing 1.64 behind Hirscher.

Olympic and world champion Ted Ligety of the United States placed seventh, 1.86 back.

In other skiing news:

Organizers were rebuilding the infrastructure at a women's World Cup course after a storm destroyed the finish area and the safety fencing, forcing the cancellation of a downhill on Saturday at Bad Kleinkirchheim, Austria.

The International Ski Federation said there's still a chance a super-G can be held on the same course Sunday, though temperatures rising to above 50 degrees have been affecting the icy slope.

Suns get Wright from Celtics

PHOENIX — The Phoenix Suns made a move to add front-line depth Friday by acquiring Brandon Wright from the Boston Celtics for a protected first-round draft pick.

The 6-foot-10, 210-pound forward averaged 7.5 points, 3.6 rebounds and 1.2 blocks in 35 games this season for Dallas and Boston.

The former first-round draft pick is in his seventh NBA season. Wright came to Boston in the Dec. 18 trade that sent guard Rajon Rondo to the Mavericks.

Wright is shooting 72.5 percent from the field this season. Last season with Dallas, he averaged career-highs of 9.1 points, 4.2 rebounds and 1.8 blocks in 58 games. His shooting percentage last season of 67.7 percent, also a career high, was the best in the NBA for players with at least 100 field-goal attempts.

Jackets extend Bobrovsky

TORONTO — The Columbus Blue Jackets signed goalie Sergei Bobrovsky to a four-year, \$29.7 million contract extension through the 2018-19 season.

The 26-year-old Bobrovsky won the 2013 Vezina Trophy winner as the NHL's top goalie. He was acquired from Philadelphia for second- and third-round picks in the 2012 draft and a fourth-round pick in 2013.

Bobrovsky, who is 15-11-2 with a 2.80 goals against average and 915 save percentage and one shutout in 28 games this season, is seen as a cornerstone of the franchise.

Henley's 65 leads at Kapalua

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Russell Henley ran off eight birdies for an 8-under 65 on Friday to take a one-shot lead over South Korea's Bae Sang-Moon after the opening round of the PGA Tour's Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

Masters champion Bubba Watson had a 70. Bringing up the rear on Friday were Ben Crane and Kevin Stadler at 74, a nine-shot differential from first to seventh in the 34-man field.

Jimmy Walker and Patrick Reed led a group at 67 that included Scott Stallings, Robert Streb and Ben Martin.

Matt Kuchar was among those at 68.



In this April 1, 1988, file photo, Washington's Charles Jones, left, drives for the basket against Dallas' Roy Tarpley on April 1, 1988. Tarpley, the former Mavericks star center whose NBA career was cut short by drug abuse, died Friday at age 50.

Former Dallas center Tarpley dies at age 50

By TERRY WALLACE

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Roy Tarpley, the former Dallas Mavericks star center whose NBA career was cut short by drug abuse, died Friday. He was 50.

According to a Tarrant County medical examiner's report, Tarpley died at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington, near Dallas. No cause of death was given in the online report.

"If Roy had stayed healthy, he could have been one of the top-50 players ever," Brad Davis, the Mavericks' radio analyst and player-development coach who played with Tarpley, told The Dallas Morning News. "He could do it all — shoot, score, rebound, pass and defend. We're all sorry to hear of his passing."

The 7-foot Tarpley was the seventh overall pick in the 1986 NBA Draft out of Michigan. He played for the Mavericks until October 1991, when he was kicked out of the NBA for using cocaine.

Norm Sonju was the Mavericks' chief executive when he drafted Tarpley. He remembers Tarpley as "likable. He was witty. He was funny."

"It's sad. What breaks your heart is he was just 50 years old," Sonju told The Associated Press. "He potentially could have been just an incredible player."

Sonju remembered that cocaine was a

pervasive threat in all big-time athletics in the 1980s, so the Mavericks did all they could in researching Tarpley's background at Michigan. "We had people tell us to our face that he had no problems when he was at Michigan," he said.

Temptation by cocaine and alcohol, however, was already near, he said.

After the first ban, Tarpley played in Greece until the NBA reinstated him in 1994. He signed a six-year, \$20 million contract with the Mavericks but was permanently banned from the NBA in December 1995 for using alcohol and violating the terms of a court-imposed personal after-care program.

Tarpley averaged 12.6 points and 10.0 rebounds in 280 regular-season games.

"Our condolences go out to the family of Roy Tarpley," Mavericks owner Mark Cuban tweeted. "RIP Roy. Mavs fans everywhere will remember you fondly."

In 1987-88, he averaged 17.1 points and 15.0 rebounds in a career-high 81 games and was the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year. He helped Dallas reach the Western Conference finals that season, averaging 17.9 points and 12.9 rebounds in 17 playoff games. Dallas lost to the eventual champion Los Angeles Lakers in seven games.

In four seasons at Michigan, Tarpley averaged 13.1 points and 7.8 rebounds.

AP Sports Writer Schuyler Dixon contributed to this report.



PETER SCHNEIDER, KEYSTONE/AP

France's Alexis Pinturaud, who finished second in Saturday's men's World Cup giant slalom in Adelboden, Switzerland, holds a placard reading "Je Skie Charlie" as he stands on the podium. The phrase is a twist on "Je Suis Charlie," French for "I Am Charlie," which has become a worldwide slogan to show solidarity with Charlie Hebdo, the Paris newspaper where 12 people were killed Wednesday in a terrorist attack.

NHL

Roundup

Tavares lifts Islanders over Devils in overtime

The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — John Tavares was good and lucky, and that was just what the New York Islanders needed to beat the New Jersey Devils.

Tavares forced overtime with a somewhat lucky goal moments after a power play expired, and then scored a magnificent unassisted winner with 1:55 left in the extra period to lead the Islanders to a 3-2 victory Friday night.

The Islanders, who are in second place in the Eastern Conference, rallied twice from one-goal deficits in ending a two-game losing streak. And it was no surprise that their best player was the difference.

"We're a different team than we've been in the last few years," Islanders coach Jack Capuano said. "This was different. I could feel that we were coming back. I could feel that we were generating the play. It was just a matter of time. Fortunately, it was overtime. John made a great play, made a great shot and that was it. That's what he does. He's a great player."

Tavares stole the puck from defenseman Adam Larsson near the corner behind the Devils' net, quickly turned and roared into the right circle, snapping a shot over the shoulder of rookie Keith Kinkaid, who stopped the 28 shots.

"I stripped him (Larsson), then made a move toward the net," Tavares said. I first looked and saw (Calvin) de Haan and thought I might get it to him, but I turned toward the net and hit the corner of the net. It was a nice goal. I felt like we were right there. I wasn't expecting that to happen."

"That was something I would want again," Kinkaid said of the game-winning goal. "I want to make that save there."

Tavares had tied it at 2 with 6:13 left in regulation, his 18th of the season, moments after a penalty to Dainius Zubrus expired.

Kinkaid had expected a shot off the glass behind the net to bounce to his left. It went right — right to Tavares behind the goal line, and he banked the puck into the net off the back of the goaltender's leg.

"I knew he didn't pick it up right away and I thought I might catch him, so I just stuck with it, shot it and it went in off his leg," Tavares said. "Sometimes, you have to be lucky rather than good."

Josh Bailey got the other goal for New York and Jaroslav Halak made 21 saves as the Islanders beat the Devils for the third time in as many games this season.

Scott Gomez and Travis Zajac scored for the Devils, who lost for the second time in as many nights.

Lightning 2, Sabres 1: Ste-



JULIO CORTES/AP

New York Islanders center John Tavares, right, scores the game-winning goal against New Jersey goalkeeper Keith Kinkaid during overtime of Friday's game in Newark, N.J. The Islanders won 3-2.

ven Stamkos scored his 22nd goal to break a third-period tie and Eastern Conference-leading host Tampa Bay beat stumbling Buffalo.

Stamkos took a pass from Jonathan Drouin during a 2-on-1 and lifted a shot with 5:18 to play over Michael Neuvirth, who was under siege the final two periods and finished with 45 saves.

Valtteri Filppula also scored for the Lightning, who have won seven of eight.

The Sabres, losers of seven in a row, got a goal from Cody McCormick. Buffalo has scored eight goals during the skid.

Maple Leafs 5, Blue Jackets 2: James van Riemsdyk scored two goals and added an assist, helping host Toronto beat Columbus.

The win was the Maple Leafs' first in two games under interim coach Peter Horachek, who took over for the fired Randy Carlyle.

Tyler Bozak, Daniel Winnik and Phil Kessel added goals for Toronto, and Jonathan Bernier made 18 saves.

Ryan Johansen scored twice for the Blue Jackets, who were held to just 20 shots — the second-fewest allowed this season by the Maple Leafs, who gave up only 10 to Buffalo in a 4-0 win on Oct. 28.

Sergei Bobrovsky made 27 saves after signing a \$29.7-million, four-year extension earlier in the day.

Panthers 6, Flames 5: Thom-

as Fleishmann scored with 3:09 left in the third period to lead visiting Florida to a wild win over Calgary.

Fleishmann lifted a backhand over both Calgary defenseman Kris Russell and goalie Jonas Hiller for the winning goal just 45 seconds after Matt Stajan scored his second of the game for the Flames.

Fleishman, Jonathan Huberdeau, Brad Boyes and Sean Bergenheim all finished with a goal and an assist for the Panthers. Jimmy Hayes and Brian Campbell also scored for Florida, while David Bolland had two assists.

Stajan and T.J. Brodie each scored twice for the Panthers, who lost their third straight to finish a six-game homestand at 3-3.

Oilers 5, Blackhawks 2: Derek Roy had a goal and two assists to lift host Edmonton to a victory over Chicago.

Benoit Pouliot, Jeff Petry, Nail Yakupov and Taylor Hall also scored for the Oilers, who are 2-1-2 under interim coach Todd Nelson since he took over sole coaching responsibilities when general manager Craig MacTavish moved back upstairs from the bench.

The Oilers had lost 20 of their previous 21 games before the recent surge.

Brandon Saad had a pair of goals for the Blackhawks, who have lost two of their last three.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

	Atlantic Division								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Tampa Bay	43	27	12	4	58	140	111		
Montreal	40	26	12	2	54	110	93		
Detroit	41	22	10	9	53	116	103		
Boston	42	21	15	6	48	110	110		
Florida	39	19	11	9	47	96	103		
Toronto	42	22	17	3	47	137	130		
Ottawa	40	16	16	8	40	105	112		
Buffalo	43	14	26	3	31	81	147		

Metropolitan Division									
N.Y. Islanders	41	27	13	1	55	126	114		
Pittsburgh	40	24	10	6	54	120	97		
N.Y. Rangers	38	23	11	4	50	121	94		
Washington	40	21	11	8	50	120	104		
Columbus	39	18	18	3	39	102	126		
Philadelphia	41	16	18	7	39	111	123		
New Jersey	44	15	21	8	38	96	124		
Carolina	41	13	24	4	30	84	107		

Western Conference

	Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Nashville	40	27	9	4	58	122	92	
Chicago	42	27	13	2	56	130	94	
St. Louis	41	25	13	3	53	131	101	
Winnipeg	41	20	14	7	47	104	100	
Dallas	40	18	15	7	43	123	131	
Colorado	41	17	16	8	42	108	119	
Minnesota	39	16	16	4	41	109	114	

Minnesota	39	18	16	5	41	109	114
Pacific Division							
Anaheim	42	26	10	6	58	116	111
Vancouver	39	23	13	3	49	113	103
San Jose	42	22	15	5	49	115	105
Los Angeles	41	19	13	9	47	115	107
Calgary	42	21	18	3	45	122	114
Arizona	40	16	20	4	36	96	131
Edmonton	42	10	23	9	29	95	141
Note: Two points for a win, one for an overtime loss.							

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Friday's games
N.Y. Islanders 3, New Jersey 2, OT
Toronto 5, Columbus 2
Tampa Bay 2, Buffalo 1
Florida 6, Calgary 5
Edmonton 5, Chicago 2

Saturday's games
Boston at Philadelphia
Nashville at Minnesota
Dallas at Colorado
Pittsburgh at Montreal
Detroit at Washington
N.Y. Islanders at Columbus
Ottawa at Arizona
Carolina at St. Louis
Calgary at Vancouver
Winnipeg at Los Angeles
N.Y. Rangers at San Jose

Sunday's games
Florida at Edmonton
Minnesota at Chicago
Winnipeg at Anaheim

Monday's games
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia
Colorado at Washington
Toronto at Los Angeles

Friday

Islanders 3, Devils 2 (OT)				
N.Y. Islanders	0	0	1	3
New Jersey	0	1	1	2

Second Period—1, New Jersey, Tzajac 7 (Elias, Larsson), 11:57.
Third Period—2, N.Y. Islanders, Bailey 7 (de Haan, Tavares), 1:02. 3, New Jersey, Gomez 4 (Henrique, Ryder), 7:23. 4, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 18 (Okosko, Boychuk), 13:47.

Overtime—5, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 19, 3:05.

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 7-13-10. 1-31. New Jersey 2-11-7-3-23.

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 4 of 4. New Jersey 0 of 1.

Goals—N.Y. Islanders, Halka 22-6 (2 shots-21 saves). New Jersey, Kinkaid 1-2-3 (31-29).

A—16,592 (17,625). T—2:30.

Maple Leafs 5, Blue Jackets 2

Columbus					Toronto				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GP	W	L	OT	Pts
1st Period	1	0	0	1-5	1st Period	1	0	0	1-5

14, 3:15. 2, Toronto, Bozak 14, 8:30. 3, Toronto, Winnik 10, 14:22. 4, Toronto, Kessel 19 (van Riemsdyk, Franson), 16:31 (pp.). 5, Toronto, van Riemsdyk 18 (Kessel, Franson), 17:23 (pp).

Second Period—6, Columbus, Johansen 19 (Winnik, Foligno), 3:43 (pp).

Third Period—7, Toronto, van Riemsdyk 15 (Savard, Foligno), 3:43 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Columbus 8-4-8-20. Toronto 17-6-9-32.

Power-play opportunities—Columbus 1 of 2; Toronto 2 of 4.

Goals—Columbus, Bobrovsky 15-11 (31 shots-77 saves). Toronto, Bernier 16-10-3 (20-16).

A—18,965 (18,819). T—2:35.

Lightning 2, Sabres 1

Buffalo					Tampa Bay				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GP	W	L	OT	Pts
1st Period	0	1	0	1-2	1st Period	0	1	0	1-2

Callahan, Paquette), 3:51.

Second Period—2, Buffalo, McCormick 1 (Kessel, 50 sh).

Third Period—3, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 22 (Drouin, Killorn), 14:42.

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 8-5-8-21. Tampa Bay 8-7-12-47.

Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 0 of 3; Tampa Bay 4 of 4.

Goals—Buffalo, Neuvirth 3-1-1 (47 shots-45 saves). Tampa Bay, Bishop 21-6-2 (21-20).

A—19,204 (19,204). T—2:26.

Panthers 6, Flames 5

Florida					Calgary				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GP	W	L	OT	Pts
1st Period	2	2	1	5	1st Period	2	2	1	5

Florida, Huberdeau 7 (Boyes), 4:28. 3, Florida, Boyes 8 (Huberdeau), 13:12. 4, Calgary, Brodie 7 (Glendon, Colborne), 16:36 (pp).

Second Period—5, Calgary, Backlund 3 (Wideman, Bouma), 2:27. 6, Florida, Bergenheim 6 (Fleischmann, Bolland), 2:46.

Calgary, Brodie 8 (Bouma, Backlund), 8:13. 8, Florida, Hayes 12 (Jokinen, Gudranson), 17:05.

Third Period—9, Florida, Campbell 2, 9:25. 10, Calgary, Stajan 3 (Jones, Bouma), 16:06. 11, Florida, Fleischmann 5 (Bolland, Bergenheim), 16:51.

Shots on Goal—Florida 13-9-13-35. Calgary 6-10-14-30.

Power-play opportunities—Florida 0 of 1; Calgary 1 of 5.

Goals—Florida, Montoya 3-4-2 (30 shots-25 saves). Calgary, Hiller 13-13-2 (35-29).

A—19,289 (19,289). T—2:42.

Oilers 5, Blackhawks 2

Chicago					Edmonton				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GP	W	L	OT	Pts
1st Period	1	1	0	2	1st Period	1	1	0	2

1 (Toews, Hossa), 7:34. Edmonton, Pouliot 5 (D'Row), 8:52. 3, Edmonton, D'Row 3 (Pouliot, Landry), 13:25 (pp).

Second Period—4, Chicago, Saad 12 (Hossa, Toews), 5:47. 5, Edmonton, Petry 4 (Yakupov, D'Row), 6:33.

Third Period—6, Edmonton, Yakupov 5 (Hiller, Toews), 16:51. 7, Edmonton, Hall 11, 17:34 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Chicago 6-9-6-21. Edmonton 7-8-7-22.

Power-play opportunities—Chicago 0 of 2; Edmonton 1 of 2.

Goals—Chicago, Raanta 6-3-0 (21 shots-25 saves). Edmonton, Scrivens 8-13-7 (21-21).

A—16,539 (16,839). T—2:23.



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

Buffalo defenseman Andrej Meszaros, right, grabs Tampa Bay center Alex Killorn in a hock after an error in front of the Sabres' goal during the second period of Friday's game in Tampa, Fla.

NBA/COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NBA roundup

Hawks stretch streak to seven

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Atlanta Hawks certainly looked the part of Eastern Conference leaders for most of the first half — and that was enough to extend their winning streak and snap Detroit's impressive run. Barely.

Al Horford had 19 points and 16 rebounds, and the Hawks withstood a spirited rally by the Pistons on Friday night, holding on for a 106-103 victory. Atlanta has now won seven in a row and 21 of 23, while Detroit lost for the first time in eight games. The Pistons had been unbeaten since waiving high-priced forward Josh Smith last month.

"They had our full attention coming into the game, for sure. They've been playing some really great basketball," Atlanta's Kyle Korver said. "You're coming up against a team like that, you've got to jump on them early."

Atlanta did that, dominating the first two quarters and quieting a crowd at the Palace that was hoping to see more evidence of Detroit's sudden resurgence. The Hawks led by 23 in the second quarter, but the Pistons were able to make a game of it.

Detroit had a chance to tie it when Kentavious Caldwell-Pope missed a three-pointer at the buzzer. Caldwell-Pope scored 16 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter.

"Our shot selection was terrible all night, especially in the first half," Pistons coach Stan Van Gundy said. "There are positives to take out of this, because they didn't give up on the game, and we made some plays to get back into it. We were down 23, but we gave ourselves a shot at the end. It was a desperate shot, but we at least had that chance."

The Pistons went 13-for-43 from three-point range on a night when standout big man Greg Monroe and Andre Drummond were combined 7-for-20 from the field.

Detroit's turnaround of late has been remarkable — the Pistons were 5-23 before their winning streak — but Atlanta's sustained excellence has been one of the most impressive stories of the first half of this season.

Warriors 112, Cavaliers 94: Klay Thompson scored 24 points, and Golden State completed a perfect six-game homestand.

Steph Curry had 23 points and 10 assists for the Warriors, and Draymond Green added 10 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists.

Lakers 101, Magic 84: Jeremy Lin scored 18 points, Carlos Boozer added 12 points and 14 rebounds, and host Los Angeles beat Orlando without Kobe Bryant.

Rookie **Tarik Black** had all of his career-high 14 points and

nine rebounds in the second half for the Lakers, who won for the second time in their five games this season with Bryant sitting out to rest.

Suns 100, Suns 95: Danny Green had 20 points and host San Antonio fought through the second half without its Big Three, rallying to beat Phoenix.

Patty Mills had 15 points, including two three-pointers in the final 2 minutes, and Cory Joseph scored nine of his 11 points in the fourth quarter to help San Antonio snap Phoenix's four-game winning streak.

Bucks 99, Timberwolves 84: Brandon Knight scored 14 points, O.J. Mayo and John Henson each had 12 and host Milwaukee handed Minnesota its 14th straight loss.

Khrist Middleton and Giannis Antetokounmpo added 10 points each to help the Bucks snap a four-game home skid. Andrew Wiggins had 20 points and seven rebounds for Minnesota.

Thunder 99, Jazz 94: Kevin Durant scored 32 points and Dion Waiters made a splash in his home debut for Oklahoma City.

Waiters, in his first home game with the Thunder since being acquired from Cleveland, hit a three-pointer off an assist from Durant with 23 seconds left to put Oklahoma City up by four. He had 15 points.

Pelicans 106, Grizzlies 95: Tyreke Evans had 21 points and 10 rebounds to lead host New Orleans past Memphis.

The Grizzlies lost their second straight despite the return of power forward Zach Randolph from right knee soreness that sidelined him nine games.

Nuggets 118, Kings 108: Arron Afflalo and Ty Lawson each scored 22 points to help visiting Denver beat Sacramento for its fourth consecutive victory.

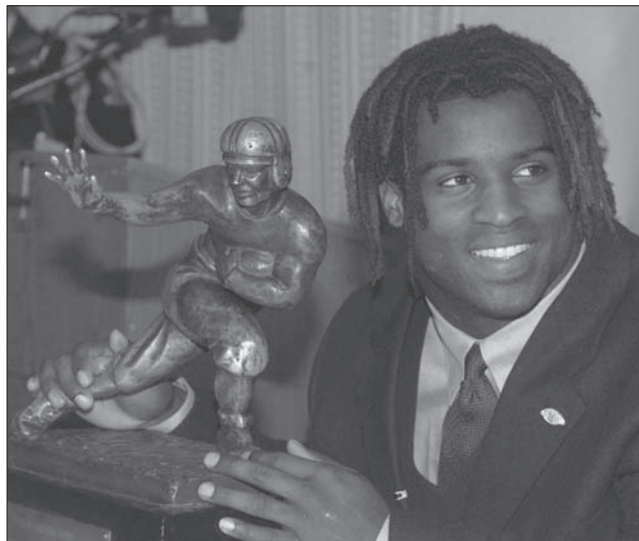
The Nuggets erased a six-point halftime deficit by outscoring the Kings 36-15 in the third period. Kenneth Faried's three-point play put Denver ahead by 20 with just over 6 minutes to play.

76ers 90, Nets 88: Nerlens Noel dunked with 3 seconds left, lifting visiting Philadelphia past Brooklyn.

Brook Lopez made a tying jumper for Brooklyn with 25 seconds to go. After Philadelphia took a timeout, Michael Carter-Williams ran off some of the clock before driving and dishing to Noel for the winning layup.

Pacers 107, Celtics 103 (OT): Roy Hibbert scored 19 points, C.J. Miles added 17 and host Indiana outlasted Boston.

Avery Bradley had 23 points for short-handed Boston, which traded forward Brandon Wright to Phoenix earlier in the day. The Celtics also played without scoring leader Jeff Green, who could be on his way to Memphis.



SUZANNE PLUNKETT/AP

Texas tailback Ricky Williams poses with the Heisman trophy at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York on Dec. 12, 1998. Williams was selected Friday for induction to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame adds 17

Two coaches join 15 players in 2015 class

By RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Former Ohio State coach Jim Tressell and Kansas State coach Bill Snyder have been selected for induction to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams of Texas and Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth were also selected to the latest Hall of Fame class of 15 players and two coaches announced Friday by the National Football Foundation.

Tressell was nominated by Youngstown State, where he won four Division I-AA national titles and is now the president of the university. His greatest fame, however, came at Ohio State, where he was 106-22 in 10 seasons, including a national championship in 2002. Twelve victories from the 2010 season were vacated by the NCAA because of rules violations by Tressell and Ohio State players.

He was forced to resign after the 2010 season after he withheld information from the school and NCAA about possible violations by some of his players, who traded memorabilia and equipment for tattoos. The NCAA imposed a five-year show cause order on Tressell that would open up a school to possible sanctions if it hired him as a coach. That order ended in September 2016. "I am forever indebted to the

outstanding student-athletes and coaches that have made this moment possible," Tressell said in a statement released through Youngstown State, where he is now the university president.

Tressell also coached 15 seasons at Youngstown State, winning four Division I-AA national titles. He is the only coach to win national championship at both levels of Division I. He was named president of Youngstown State on May 9, 2014.

Snyder orchestrated one of the greatest turnarounds in college football history at Kansas State, which had lost more football games than any program when he took over in 1989.

He turned the Wildcats into a Big 12 power and a national title contender with seven double-digit victory seasons in a span of nine years.

He retired after the 2005 season, but returned in 2009 and has not had a losing season since. In 23 seasons with Kansas State, Snyder is 187-94-1. He was eligible for induction while still active because he turned 75 last year. Williams won the Heisman in 1998 and left Texas as the leading career rusher in FBS with 6,279 yards. He currently ranks second behind Wisconsin's Ron Dwyer.

Bosworth was a two-time Butkus Award winner (1985 and 1986) as the nation's best linebacker, helping the Sooners win

three straight Big Eight titles and the 1985 national title.

At a news conference Friday with Snyder and fellow inductees Lincoln Kennedy of Washington and Bob Breunig of Arizona State, Bosworth said he was overwhelmed when he found out he had been elected.

"The honor itself to be inducted into the great Hall of Fame for college football, to be included into a fraternity that shows the players, all the years that they played, the passion that they played, it took my breath away," Bosworth said.

The other players selected by the NFF to the Hall of Fame were:

- Nebraska linebacker Trev Alberts
- Millsaps defensive end Sean Brewer from Division III
- Pittsburgh offensive tackle Ruben Brown
- Florida split end Wes Chandler
- Notre Dame split end Thom Gatewood
- Yale running back Dick Jauron
- Michigan state halfback Clinton Jones
- Michigan running back Rob Lytle
- Marshall quarterback Michael Payton
- Texas Tech linebacker Zach Thomas
- Kentucky defensive lineman Art Still

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



LENNY IONELZI/AP

Oregon wide receiver Darren Carrington, pictured, and running back Ayele Forde have been suspended for Monday's national championship game after testing positive for marijuana.

Oregon WR, RB out after positive tests

By ANNE M. PETERSON
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Oregon wide receiver Darren Carrington and running back Ayele Forde will not play in Monday's national championship game after positive NCAA drug tests, coach Mark Helfrich said Saturday.

Carrington did not travel with the team to Dallas after testing positive for marijuana. The results of Forde's test were not immediately clear.

Helfrich said the team has faced many issues during the season, including injuries. But he insisted that the team is not distracted heading into the first College Football Playoff title game.

"How you manage those things is what matters most. And our guys have managed all those situations very, very well," Helfrich said.

Not having Carrington leaves the Ducks down two key wide receivers against Ohio State. Carrington, a 6-foot-2, 191-pound redshirt freshman, had seven catches for 166 yards and two touchdowns in Oregon's Rose Bowl victory over Florida State.

Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota said the team was disappointed. He hadn't been able to talk to Carrington.

"But at the same time I think a lot of guys feel guilty like they should have helped, including myself," Mariota said. "It's tough. But we'll have to be ready for the next one, whoever the next guy is to step up."

Last week Oregon lost redshirt freshman receiver Devon Allen on the opening kickoff with a knee injury. Allen had 41 catches for 684 yards and seven touchdowns.

The Ducks have also been playing for the last four games without star tight end Pharoah Brown, who went down with a season-ending leg injury against Utah.

"We've had stuff happen all year long where a guy's missed and the next guy has jumped in there and done a great job," receivers coach Matt Lubick said. "Our guys are going to be fine."

Meyer following Kelly blueprint?

Visit to Oregon made impression on Buckeyes' coach

By RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

DALLAS — When Urban Meyer took a year off from coaching, he made a trip to Oregon to visit an old friend — Ducks defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti — and to find out how Chip Kelly was running the show in Eugene.

Both Meyer and Kelly had an affinity for spread offenses, but

"Their strengths are different from our strengths, but there's definitely some similarities to it."

Mark Helfrich
Oregon head coach, on similarities between his program and Urban Meyer's at Ohio State.

Oregon's practices), they are playing 'Lion King' music," Meyer said. "They have like a DJ at practice, bizarre stuff now. I remember even I was like, 'What is this?'"

After Ohio State beat Alabama to earn a spot opposite Oregon in the first College Football Playoff national championship game on Monday night, Meyer spoke so glowingly about how well the two programs know each other some might have thought they were exchanging Christmas cards.

Not quite. "I think that was the relationship that Chip and Urban had, I'm not privy to that. But we're very friendly," Oregon coach Mark Helfrich said earlier this week with a smile. "It depends on how much we know the other party, but we try to gather more information than we send out."

Sharing of ideas is fairly common in college football. Out-of-work coaches, as Meyer was in 2011, often make campus tours to keep up on best practices and new strategies.

Oregon, however, is not big on sharing. Which means Meyer may be one of a precious few who've had a recent glance at the program.

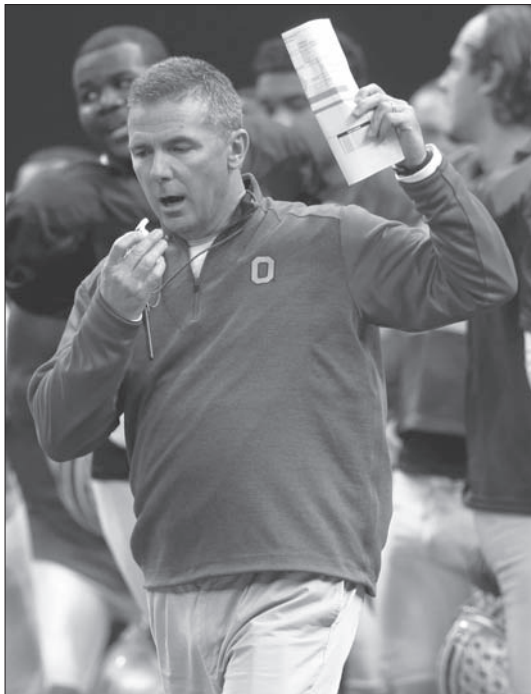
Offensive coordinator Scott Frost said Oregon now tends to keep to itself because it didn't seem to be getting as much as it was giving in the idea exchange. Oregon likes to consider itself cutting edge and its up-tempo spread offense has inspired legends of photocopies throughout college football.

Helfrich said it goes both ways.

"We steal stuff, too. We're equal opportunity thieves," he said. "That can happen, and yet it's been funny, especially growing up around this area in recruiting, some people use your style against you during recruiting then do it on the field, which is kind of weird."

Despite what he's seen, Meyer is not quite all-in on up-tempo.

"Yeah, at Florida, there's a misunderstanding that we were a big tempo team,"



PHOTOS BY GERALD HERBERT, ABOVE, AND JAE C. HONG, BELOW/AP

After Ohio State beat Alabama to earn a spot opposite Oregon in the first College Football Playoff national championship game on Monday, Ohio State coach Urban Meyer, above, spoke glowingly about his relationship with former Ducks coach Chip Kelly, below, and how well the two programs know each other. "I think that was the relationship that Chip and Urban had, I'm not privy to that. But we're very friendly," Oregon coach Mark Helfrich said earlier this week with a smile. "It depends on how much we know the other party, but we try to gather more information than we send out."

he said. "We weren't. And I fought that. We actually sent Dan Mullen, who was my coordinator, to Missouri when Missouri had a breakout season. And they came back and ... I snatched that after about four days of spring practice. Technique went to hell and our receivers coach is over there signaling instead of coaching receivers and ... we ended that real fast."

But not for good. Ohio State increases the pace offensively, and might be moving to a more Oregon-esque rate if not for having to shuffle through quarterbacks.

"It's an advantage for the offense," Meyer said. "And if you don't take it, then that's fine. But even I know Alabama is moving in that direction. Is it full speed all the time? We're not. But certainly that gives us an advantage at times."

Oregon and Ohio State's offenses might look a lot alike, but just like the relationship between the coaching staffs, the deeper the examination, the more the separation is revealed.

"I think we're a lot more different than we are similar, and that's personnel-driven," Helfrich said. "Their strengths are different from our strengths, but there's definitely some similarities to it."



NFL



BRANDON WADE/AP

Thanks to a reinvigorated running attack — led by NFL rushing leader DeMarco Murray, above — the Cowboys have featured a more balanced offensive attack this season. That balance has paid off for Dallas quarterback Tony Romo, who had one of the best seasons of his career and can lead the Cowboys to their first NFC championship appearance since 1995.

Worthy: Romo, Rodgers were NFL's two highest-rated quarterbacks

FROM BACK PAGE

The past three seasons ended with losses that left the Cowboys at 8-8 and out of the playoffs. Now here's Romo returning to the state where he grew up a fan of Brett Favre, trying to get past this round of the playoffs in his third try in Dallas' first post-season trip to storied Lambeau Field since the Ice Bowl loss 47 years ago.

"I'd love to give you a headline, but it's really just another week in the preparation side of it," said Romo, who signed with the Cowboys in 2003 as an undrafted free agent out of Eastern Illinois. "I know it'll be fun for my family and friends and that stuff. But for me, it's a playoff game and you've got to play your best."

These were the two highest-rated quarterbacks in the NFL this season. Rodgers hasn't thrown an interception at home in more than two years, while Romo had 20 touchdown passes and two interceptions in leading Dallas (13-4) to an 8-0 road record.

Whether it plays out as a battle of elite quarterbacks remains to be seen. First, the temperature at kickoff likely will be in the teens. Second, Rodgers is playing through a calf strain that limited him in practice all week even though the Packers (12-4) had a bye after beating the Lions.

Rodgers was listed as probable Friday after declaring earlier in the week he would start despite an injury sustained three weeks



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ago against Tampa Bay and aggravated in the regular-season finale against Detroit.

"I think the fact he went through the opportunity Tampa, Detroit where he had to play through the situation where you had to be smart in the pocket, he has that experience," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "He looks like he's moving fine to me right now. We're not going to change anything or our approach of how we want to attack Dallas' defense."

Romo's health was the talk of the preseason with the 34-year-old coming off back surgery. He sustained an unrelated back injury on a sack in a loss to Washington and looked ragged playing on short rest in another loss to Philadelphia.

Otherwise, he put together one of his best seasons after declaring in training camp that fans would see "the best version of me" — a statement that frustrated Troy Aikman, the three-time Super Bowl winner who had back surgery early in his Dallas career.

Besides Romo's back issue, Aikman figured a weak Dallas defense would be a problem. But the defense has been better, and the Cowboys helped Romo with a more balanced attack featuring NFL rushing leader DeMarco Murray.

"If you're playing from behind and you're constantly having to throw the ball and you're getting hit and you've got the back, I thought it would be a challenge, not because he didn't still have the talent," Aikman said. "A lot of things have happened. Those parts of it have helped. But yeah, it's been sensational."

Romo put aside years of frustration with his first playoff rally in the 24-20 wild-card win over Detroit last weekend, throwing the go-ahead touchdown to Terrence Williams late in the fourth quarter.

For his biggest playoff breakthrough yet, Romo will have to get Dallas' first road win in the postseason since Aikman beat the 49ers 22 years ago on the way to the first of three Super Bowl titles in four years.

"I know in my visits with him that he is deliberately focusing in on the moment, the play, the execution, how well he can play, what our game plan is, what our plans are to compete and win the game," owner Jerry Jones said. "I don't think one time he's alluded to verbally or implied, 'Boy, I've got to go get my playoff win.'"

It goes without saying for Romo and Rodgers.

Middle man

Matthews' move to inside has helped improve Packers' run D

By GENARO C. ARMAS
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Tweaks to the Packers' defense at mid-season left Green Bay stronger against the run — and left opposing offenses with a new question to answer:

Where is Clay Matthews?
That is the predicament that the Dallas Cowboys face on Sunday in a marquee playoff game against the Packers at Lambeau Field.

"When you get to the nuts and bolts of it, they're an aggressive, attacking-style defense," Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo said. "They're moving people around and putting them in great positions to succeed."

None more so of late than Matthews, who, until this year, was known more for his prolific ability to get to the quarterback from the edge. The long-haired linebacker has been a headache for offensive tackles since coming into the NFL in 2009.

Matthews is still getting his sacks, though he's not just an outside linebacker anymore.

The Packers started playing Matthews more at inside linebacker at mid-season, on the heels of a 44-23 loss Oct. 26 at New Orleans.

Mark Ingram ran for 172 yards on 24 carries.

Coach Mike McCarthy was looking to shore up a league-worst run defense. A bye week followed the Saints game before the Packers unveiled the new wrinkle on Nov. 9 against Chicago — the same team that ran for 235 yards in the teams' first meeting in Week 4.

The move turned out to be a smashing success.

The Bears finished with 55 yards rushing on 24 carries, while Matthews recorded a season-high 11 tackles and a sack in the Packers' 55-14 rout. Overall, the defense allowed 3.60 yards a carry in the second half of the season, down from 4.78 in the first half.

The focus on the run doesn't mean that Matthews isn't rushing the quarterback. On passing downs, Matthews has often returned to his familiar role of rushing from the outside.

He could be rushing from the inside, too. Whatever Matthews is doing is working, because he has 6½ sacks over his last four games.

"We put a lot on his plate and he's handled it extremely well. Not many guys can do the things that he does," offensive coordinator Dom Capers said.



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Packers linebacker Clay Matthews reacts after sacking Detroit quarterback Matthew Stafford on Dec. 28 in Green Bay, Wis.

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Denver safety David Bruton Jr., left, squares off against cornerback Aqib Talib as they take part in a drill Thursday during practice for Sunday's divisional playoff game against Indianapolis in Englewood, Colo.

Luck must try to solve league's best secondary

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

TENLEWOOD, Colo. — Andrew Luck and Chuck Pagano, studying Denver's secondary this week must have seemed like watching the Pro Bowl announcements.

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"It's not just four guys," Luck said. "You'll see six, seven DBs out on the field. I think a ball-hawking group. They understand football, they know what they are doing, and they do it well."

It was, after all, a rookie cornerback — first-round draft pick Bradley Roby — who sealed the Broncos' 31-24 win back in September when he broke up Luck's pass to Reggie Wayne on fourth down.

And he's only gotten better playing alongside Talib, Harris and Ward for 16 games.

"Those are three Pro Bowl



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guys I'm learning from every day," Roby said.

Talib and Harris, former teammates at Kansas, reunited this season to form the top cornerback tandem in the NFL.

"Two great corners," marveled Pagano, the Colts coach.

"Studs," Luck said.

Talib, whom GM John Elway lured away from New England last winter with a \$57 million contract, picked off four passes, returning two for touchdowns (a third one was called back when a teammate jumped offside).

Harris didn't allow a single touchdown all season after needing just seven months to recover from ACL surgery.

"He's probably been the fastest guy to ever come back off an ACL," Elway said last month when Harris signed a \$42.5 million contract extension. "You look at what he did, the time that he spent this offseason to get healthy and be ready to go and be ready to

start the regular season. I'm not sure anybody has ever come back as fast as he's come back, so that kind of tells you what kind of guy he is."

Colts tight end Coby Fleener came closest to scoring a TD with Harris in coverage, but Harris broke it up at the last moment.

"Because I'd torn my ACL, I figured teams would be going after me like crazy from the jump," Harris said. "So, I had to shut it down early and that's what I did. I had to let them know early that just because I tore my knee, I wasn't going to have that."

Harris played just 39 of 74 snaps in the season opener and he likes to point out he was on the sideline in the fourth quarter when Luck threw TD passes to Dwayne Allen and Hakeem Nicks to turn a 31-10 laughier into a nail-biter.

Having two cornerbacks who can lock down receivers in single coverage has ripple effects on the rest of Denver's defense.

"When you have two guys that can play man-to-man, that gives the rush up front a lot more time," said DeMarcus Ware, who teamed with Von Miller to get two dozen sacks.

"We can switch (matchups) during the game," defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio said. "And don't forget about Bradley, who's really had an outstanding rookie season. When you look at it in his totality, name me a young DB that has played better."

Colts hoping line provides stability

BY MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Anthony Castonzo has watched the faces come and go along Indianapolis' offensive line all season.

He sees no reason to doubt the replacements now.

With three of the team's projected starters on injured reserve, Castonzo is convinced this changing cast can come up with a good enough performance Sunday to send the Colts to the AFC Championship game.

"Obviously, I would rather have the continuity," Indy's starting left tackle said Friday. "But the guys who have filled in all season have done a really good job. I don't think there's a guy on this team that we don't trust to play."

The theory has been tested repeatedly all season.

Indy has plugged 10 linemen into 11 starting combinations and has used the same lineup in back-to-back weeks just two times since Week 4 — Oct. 19 and 26 and Nov. 30 and Dec. 7. With coach Chuck Pagano announcing Friday that everybody was "ready to go," it appears it will happen again in Sunday's divisional-round game at Denver.

Somehow, the Colts (12-5) still managed to win the AFC South title, a wild-card game while limiting opponents to just 27 sacks on Andrew Luck, the lowest of Luck's career.

This weekend will be a different challenge.

The AFC West champs are heading into the playoffs with a week of rest, the No. 3 overall defense and an intimidating group of pass rushers such as defensive end DeMarcus Ware and outside linebacker Von Miller, who combined for 24 of the Broncos' 41 sacks and could cause havoc all day for the Colts' makeshift line.

"It's going to be an all-day job because if you lose to any one of these guys, they're going to get the quarterback," said Castonzo, the only lineman to start each of the first 17 games.

Castonzo understands.

A year ago he and right tackle Gosder Cherilus were the pillars on a line that went into the playoffs after using six different starting lineups over the final six weeks of the regular season. Indy

followed a wild-card round win over Kansas City with a 43-22 loss at New England in the divisional round.

Cherilus won't be around Sunday. He was placed on injured reserve last week with groin, hip and shoulder injuries.

Also out will be right guard Hugh Thornton, who went on injured reserve this week with a shoulder injury, and Don-

ald Thomas, who was expected to start at left guard, sustained a season-ending torn right quad in training camp.

Thomas' absence gave second-round draft pick Jack Meachum a chance to play, and he's played well in 14 starts — 13 at left guard and one at right tackle.

The Colts also have also tried three centers — A.Q. Shipley for the first four games, Jonathan Harrison for the next 10 before going with Khaled Holmes for the last three.

Now, against a pass rush that could have a big advantage because of crowd noise, Pagano and Luck are hoping the Colts have worked out the kinks.

"I wish we were talking and it was the seventh or eighth week in a row. We'll take two, as much as they've been through," Pagano said. "That lineup last week did a great job. You look at the numbers and the protection, the yards on the ground, the air, all the stuff, so it's nice to have a group in back-to-back weeks."

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Anthony Castonzo

Colts left tackle, on players who have had to fill on the offensive line



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Indianapolis head coach Chuck Pagano says the Colts' patchwork offensive line held up well in the wild-card victory over Cincinnati.

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Passing interest

Matchup between Romo and Rogers worthy of attention

BY SCHUYLER DIXON
The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas
Aron Rodgers has a Super Bowl ring, the prize that keeps Tony Romo going through the heartbreaking endings and accumulating back injuries in Dallas. Still, the hunger is growing for Rodgers heading into Sunday's divisional playoff because Green Bay hasn't reached the NFC championship game since winning it all four years ago on Romo's home field. And Romo has never even been that far.

"You realize very quickly, it's so difficult to do that," Rodgers said. "A lot of things have to come together. We've come up short the last couple of years and it just kind of fuels the fire a little bit more."

Romo knows about coming up short.

There was his infamous flub of the hold on a field goal that could have beaten Seattle in a wild-card game eight years ago, then a loss to New York as the No. 1 seed in the NFC a year later when the Giants went on to beat undefeated New England in the Super Bowl.

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